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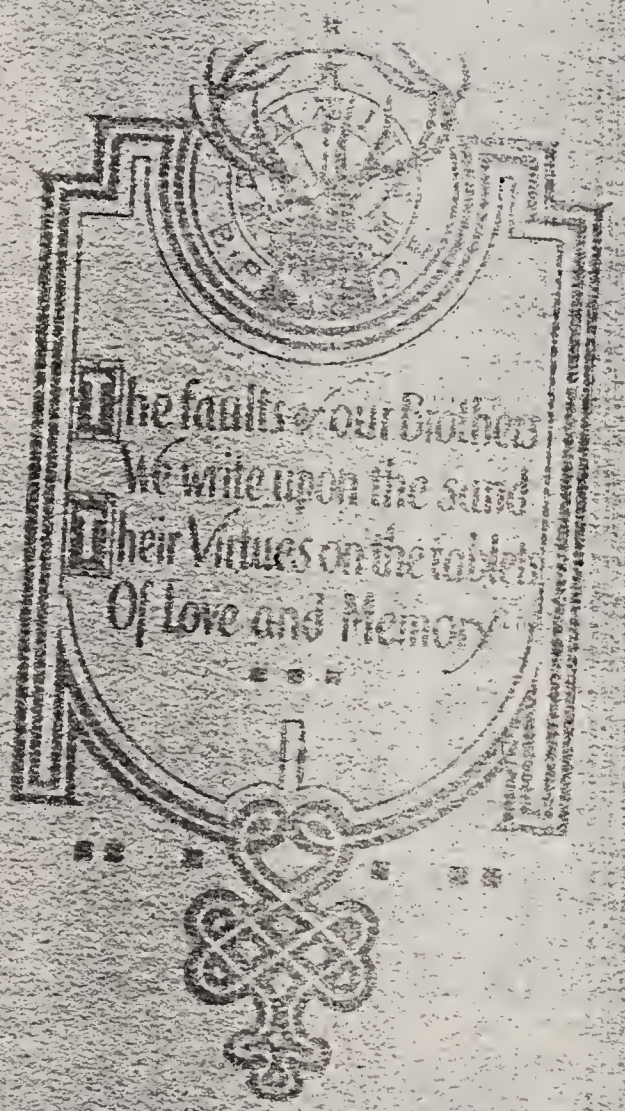

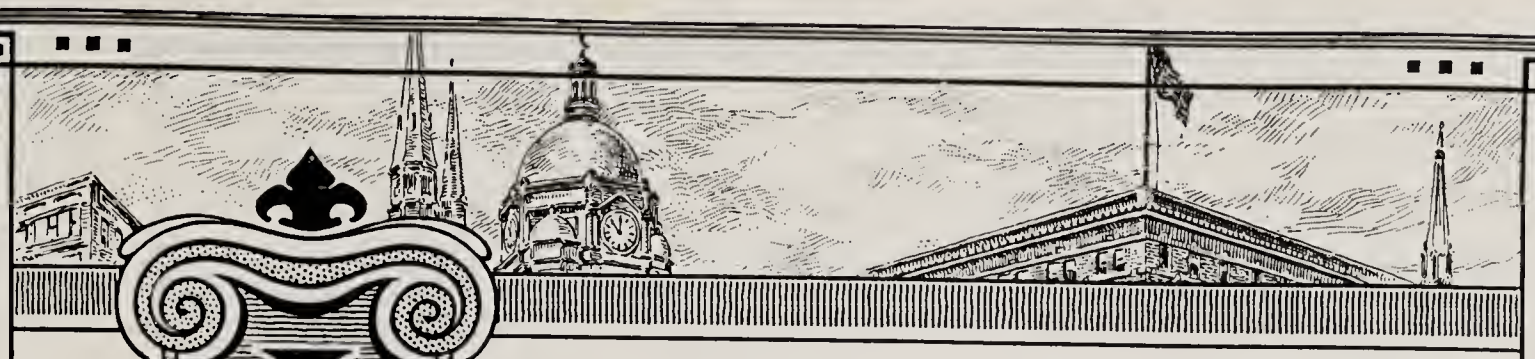

IN presenting this little volume to the public, our purpose is two-fold: To commemorate the Tenth Annual Reunion of Indiana Elks, giving a brief history of the State Association and our local lodge, and to describe a few of the commercial advantages of the city which they have this year chosen as their meeting place.

Space would not permit us to touch upon the historical side of the city's growth, which is interwoven with many interesting incidents, our aim being to merely present some of the factors that enter into the reason why Fort Wayne has made such marked progress during the past ten years, which justifies our belief that the next few years will show even greater advancement. All embellishments and exaggerations have been eliminated, and the statistics furnished may be relied upon throughout.

It must not be considered that the subject matter dealt with has been exhausted. In fact, the half that has not been told is of equal interest to that herein set. forth.

Fort Wayne has justly earned the title of an ideal convention city, and is proud at this time to be the host of perhaps the greatest assemblage of Elks ever held in Indiana, and it is hoped this reunion and May Festival will be long remembered in the history of the Order. This is a fraternal city, as well as a commercial center — a city of the Open Door and the Glad Hand. It opens its doors wide today, and extends the hand of welcome to the thousands of the Best People on Earth.

MR. AUGUST HERRMANN

GRAND EXALTED RULER OF ALL ELKS

The Elks' Creed

"DO not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them and while their hearts can be thrilled and made happier; the kind things you meant to say when they are gone, say before they go. The flowers you meant to send for their coffins, send to brighten and sweeten their homes before they leave them. If my friends have any alabaster boxes laid away, full of fragrant perfumes of sympathy and affection, which they intend to break over my body, I would rather they would bring them out in my weary, troubled hours, and open them that I may be refreshed and cheered while I need them.

"I would rather have a plain coffin without a flower, a funeral without a eulogy, than a life without the sweetness of love and sympathy. Post mortem kindness does not cheer the burdened spirit. Flowers on the coffin cast no fragrance over the weary way."

OFFICERS STATE REUNION ASSOCIATION, A. D. 1911

INDIANA STATE REUNION ASSOCIATION

THE Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks had its birth in New York in 1867, when Charles A. S. Vivian, an English actor, suggested to twelve of his associates that they form a permanent organization. They had been meeting at regular intervals, telling stories, knocking their rivals, singing and joshing as actors will do on a no-matinee day. They were of a jovial nature, blessed with but little of this worlds goods, and these meetings were all sunshine and sustenance of spirit to Vivian, who was practically a stranger in a strange land. The suggestion to establish a club was unanimously adopted, and some argument arose as to what its name should be. The English members wanted it made a chapter of a secret order called the "Buffaloes," which was flourishing in their country at that time, but it was finally decided to take the name of the "Jolly Corks." The membership began to grow so rapidly that it was not long until the back parlor in the boarding house where they had been meeting was too small, and a hall was rented, and on Sunday, February 10, 1868, the name was changed to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Just what suggested this name is not definitely known, but it was perhaps through an elk's head which hung over the door in the offices of Barnum's old museum, where the executive committee held its first meeting. A copy of Goldsmith's "Animated Nature" was procured and the committee read up on the elk. It was found that the elk was "fleet of foot, timorous of doing wrong, avoiding all combat except when in fighting for the female and in defense of the young and helpless." This determined the question as to the name of the Order for all time to come.

As the Order grew, admission was given to large numbers including many in all walks of life. The fame of the good work being accomplished soon became known to the outside world, and many lodges began to be formed in different parts of the United States.

The formation of state associations has come in the natural order of things, a result of the marvelous growth of the membership in the Order which now numbers upwards of half a million. In Indiana alone there are over sixty Elk lodges, housed in sumptuous quarters, ever ready to dispense hospitality and a cheerful welcome to a visiting brother.

In June, 1902, several Elk lodges of Indiana, moved by the spirit of friendship, met at Fort Wayne, and each succeeding year in other cities of the state, until finally July 8, 1905, at Muncie the Indiana State Reunion Association B. P. O. E. was organized, a constitution and by-laws adopted, and officers governing the Association elected. Each year a meeting is held to promote acquaintanceship of members from over the state, to discuss vital questions of interest to Elkdom and the general welfare of the Order, broadening the basis of hospitality, cheering the brother who may be overburdened, and through friendship keeping the membership united. This year (1911) marks the tenth state meeting

In June, 1906, the reunion was held at Peru; in 1907, Lafayette, 1908, Indianapolis; 1909, Evansville; and in 1910, South Bend.

At the National Grand Lodge Reunion each year, the Indiana State Reunion Association maintains headquarters for the Indiana Elks who attend, spreading sociability, and uniting the B. P. O. Elks of this state into a state-wide personality, exemplifying one of the principal tenets of the Order, Brotherly Love.

Much might be written regarding the grand work of the B. P. O. E. during the past forty years, would space permit. The United States claims this Order, one of its most progressive and popular social and beneficial organizations. In no other country could such an organization as this have prospered and become so great a factor in all that tends to the "Universal Brotherhood of Man" than in this, the "Land of the Free." There is no caste in the Elks. Rank and title count for nothing, neither is there required the necessity of being learned or that wealth shall be a recommendation. All are equal and alike within the precincts of an Elk lodge, the only difference existing being in the endeavor to excel in the labor of love, extended through charity, and the noble deeds performed in the granting of same in silence and without any ostentation. The motto "Charity" expresses the real fundamental object of the Elks' organization and the chief reason for its existence.

MR. MAURICE C. NIEZER
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER

Charity has been dispensed with liberality, at the same time with caution. Justice, the governor of Charity, demands that Elks shall not be the only objects of our care, and the hand of universal Brotherly Love is extended with Fidelity to the needy and deserving, no matter where they may be.

A general invitation is extended each year to the Grand Officers, as well as all Elks and friends whether or not residing in Indiana, to attend the annual reunions of our State Association. Every effort is made to provide entertainment features that will be of interest and value to the visitors, and Fort Wayne this year is endeavoring to surpass all former records.

Officers Indiana State Reunion Association

President, Frank E. Bougher, Fort Wayne B.P.O.E., No. 155; Vice-President, Alvin Padgett, Washington B P.O.E., No. 933; Secretary, Thomas G. Hedian, Indianapolis B.P.O.E., No. 13; Treasurer, Joseph H. Millspaugh, Anderson B. P. O. E., No. 209; Esquire, David R. Carlton, Elwood B. P. O. E., No. 368, Inside Guard, Charles Forsman, Muncie B. P. O. E,. No. 245 TRUSTEES: Harry Lowenthal, Evansville B.P.O.E., No. 116; Robert A. Scott, Linton B. P. O. E., No. 866; Albert R. Ross, Lafayette B. P. O. E., No. 143; George W. Zinky, South Bend B. P. O. E., No. 235.

OFFICERS FORT WAYNE LODGE NO. 155, B. P. O. E.

FORT WAYNE LODGE Nº 155. B.P.O. ELKS

MANY and varied stories are connected with the origin of every lodge, usually based on memory which furnishes the incidents needed to give the theories of the narrator proper coloring. In giving a few historical facts relative to Fort Wayne Lodge No. 155, we have omitted the records of the many memorable meetings and interesting lodge happenings, as well as epochs of discouragement, for there have been times when the loyalty of members has been severely tested. It is sufficient to know that the organization has safely passed through these dark and trying periods, and stands today as a permanent living factor for good in the community—a factor recognized and respected by our entire people.

In 1889, the Elks colony in Fort Wayne was made up of the late George B. McKinnie and the late Senator R. C. Bell, together with H. Jacob Siebold and R. L. Smith. Mr. McKinnie was a member of Columbus, Ohio, lodge and the other three pastured at Indianapolis. We know of no particular incident to prompt it, but one day Mr. McKinnie, in company with a number of friends, remarked: "There's almost enough of us right here to organize a lodge of Elks; let's do it." In fifteen minutes an instrument had been drawn with some six or eight names attached and within a few days the required number of signatures were secured and dispensation applied for and granted. The lodge was instituted on February 12, 1890, the ceremonies being conducted by Frank Wade, District Deputy, assisted by thirteen other members of Indianapolis Lodge No. 13, which illustrates that for Elks at least the number thirteen has no terrors.

The institution took place in Harmony Hall, on West Berry Street, which for the first few months constituted the home of the new lodge, and the first officers were as follows: Exalted Ruler, George B. McKinnie: Esteemed Leading Knight, George A. Renner; Esteemed Loyal Knight, George Will Wilson; Esteemed Lecturing Knight, H. J. Siebold; Secretary, Earnest W. Cook; Treasurer, Byron E. Hattersley; Chaplain, Dr. George L. Greenawalt; Esquire, Angus M. McPherson; Inner Guard, George W. Ewing; Tiler, G. A. Rabus; Trustees, Joshua J. Williams and George W. Loag. Shortly the meeting place was removed to a hall on the third floor of the Trentman Building, immediately south of the First National Bank, where it remained for a period of three years or more. It was during this period that the lodge experienced its most discouraging stress of inactivity. Scouts were frequently sent out to kidnap sufficient members to form a quorum, and for a whole year the membership remained at a standstill. The following year new quarters were secured in the Lau Building, then being just completed. A lease for ten years was made, handsome new furniture purchased and the lodge took possession December 3, 1895. From that time on the growth of the Order was rapid and it soon became apparent that the expiration of the lease would witness a lodge outgrowing its home. A committee was appointed to investigate and report to the lodge available sites for building, estimates of cost and such other preliminary information as might prove instructive. The result was the selection of the location and erection of the magnificent temple, which is now occupied and which was formerly taken possession of for lodge purposes on November 20, 1908, with a membership roll of 867.

On January 1, 1909, Fort Wayne Lodge dedicated to Elkdom one of the finest Temples in the central west, thus realizing the fondest hopes of the members. This has all been brought about through the untiring devotion and hard work on the part of the officers and committees, and loyalty of members as a whole.

The lodge now has a membership of almost 1400 in good standing and is the largest lodge of Elks in existence based on population of the city. It is fifteenth in size in point of membership in the United States, and the largest in the state of Indiana.

It is needless to say that during the busy times of accumulating the Temple building fund, making plans, and doing the thousand and one things incidental to carrying out an undertaking of such magnitude, the Lodge never for a moment neglected the observance of its fundamental principle—Charity. Its beneficent workings have been felt in every direction, and hundreds in times of sickness and distress have been the recipients of its kindly care.

The public has always given its loyal support to the charity shows and other undertakings of the lodge, without which its wonderful progress could not have been made. The Elks are truly grateful for the good-will and co-operation uniformly extended by the people of this city, and sincerely hope that nothing will ever transpire to mar the friendly feeling that has always existed.

Charter Members

George B. McKinnie	W. McK. Pardee	M. M. M. Slattery
George A. Renner	O. B. Wiley	E. W. Cook
G. W. Wilson	A. M. McPherson	A. M. Darroch
George W. Loag	J. J. Leary	G. S. Howard
H. J. Siebold	G. A. Rabus	Geo. W. Ewing
Byron E. Hattersley	Louis Heilbroner	F. E. Davis
J. J. Williams	Harry Harrison	W. L. Meyer
George H .Brown	Charles Freese	G. L. Greenawalt

Past Exalted Rulers

George B. McKinney, 1890	John J. Bauer, 1900–1901
G. Will Wilson, 1890–1891	Dr. R. S. Viberg, 1901–1902
A. McPherson, 1891–1892	Wm. C. Rastetter, 1902–1903
George A. Renner, 1892–1893	George H. Brown, 1903–1904
Byron E. Hattersley, 1893–1894	Wm. C. Schwier, 1904–1905
O. B. Wiley, 1894–1895	A. C. Alter, 1905–1906
Dr. W. W. Mungen, 1895–1896	H. A. Wiebke, 1906–1907
L. C. Hunter, 1896–1897	James J. Dormer, 1907–1908
Frank S. Lightfoot, 1897–1898	Frank E. Bougher, 1908–1909
F. W. Urbans, 1898–1900	Maurice Niezer, 1909–1910

Frank E. Bougher, 1910–1911

Present Officers

Exalted Ruler	H. A. Hattersley
Esteemed Leading Knight	G. C. A. Ortlieb
Esteemed Loyal Knight	J. V. Wilson
Esteemed Lecturing Knight	W. P. Walsh
Secretary	L. A. Worch
Treasurer	Herman Strodel
Tyler	Ed. Riley
Esquire	F. H. Koopman
Inner Guard	Nate Beadell
Chaplain	F. E. Bougher
Organist	Geo. C. Dierstein
TRUSTEES: W. F. Ranke,	H. J. Taylor, W. C. Schwier

VIEWS OF ELKS' TEMPLE IN FORT WAYNE

Chas. R. Weatherhogg, Architect

FORT WAYNE

ROMANCES and legends without number have been written associated with the early history of Fort Wayne, extending back to the time long before the white man made his appearance. It then bore the name of Ke-ki-on-ga, the "Central City" of the onee powerful and warlike Miamis, who held dominion over this region. The final eonquering of the savages in what was then these western wilds, the beginning of eivie development, and following its rise up to the present time, is all wrought with absorbing interest, but our purpose is not to deal with history. The folloiwng pages are confined to a few plain and reliable statements relative to the present advantages of Fort Wayne as a place of residence and business, whieh are commended to the favorable eonsideration of those who may be seeking a desirable loeation for these purposes.

In olden times, the location of cities was determined by the confluence of navigable rivers, by the existence of some favored harbor on the seashore or great lakeside, where it was convenient for ships to make landing.

Transportation in those days was by water; and wind and eurrent, freshet and tide, were forees that had to be taken advantage of and reckoned upon. When railroads made their advent they naturally were directed to those points where ships and sailing craft had already asserted their creating and eontrolling influence. It is mainly for this reason that we find many of our larger cities on navigable waters, located there through the necessities confronting them at the time of their founding and afterward continued and maintained by virture of the prestige which they had already aequired.

It is safe to say that had our railway facilities been existent in this eountry for the past two centuries, comparatively few cities would be found where they are today. The use of steel rails has blazed the way to an entirely different order of things. No longer are cities compelled to seek deep water harbors or navigable rivers for suitable site. Our present mode of transportation is quicker and more certain, and science is cheapening the cost and making it practieable for man to eonsult better reasons in the location of a city than the one of merely being adjacent to navigable water.

Many things enter into the healthy growth of a city. Like nature's plants, it should have roots reaching out in all direetions thus bringing the greatest possible nourishment to the support of stem and foliage; and while it is doubtless true that often a plant ean grow to great proportions and maintain for a short time much vigor standing against a huge rock or close beside deep waters, yet must it eventually suffer because of such unfavorable disposition.

The natural advantages of the city of Fort Wayne are all that eould be desired, and are unsurpassed in any section of the eountry. It is surrounded by a rich farming district, and is the county seat of the largest and one of the most populous counties in the state. It has the best and cheapest facilities for shipment to all parts of the United States and Canada, and at no place ean fuel be delivered more eheaply at the door of the manufacturer.

Instead of spasmodic, forced growths, booms, collapses, stagnation and long periods of depression, which have characterized many cities, Fort Wayne's growth and development have been vigorous, healthful and uninterrupted, the logical result of superior natural resources, baeked by an energetie, loyal and enterprising citizenship, realizing the importance of seeuring and fostering industrial enterprises and other institutions that enter into the growth and prosperity of their city.

In 1850, the population was 4,882; in 1860, 10,388; 1870, 17,718; 1880, 26,880; 1890, 35,393; 1900, 45,115; and the census taken last year (1910) shows the population to be 63,933, an inerease of fourty-two per eent during the past ten years.

The variety of enterprises has kept paee with the growth in population. Fort Wayne is not a one-industry city, and should one or several of our mammoth plants close their doors, the eommercial interests of the city as a whole would not be seriously affected.

It is doubtful if any other eity of its class is so well built, so orderly and so thrifty. A large percentage of the people own their homes, and the rich as well as those of moderate means are satisfied with the home supply of the eomforts and neeessities of life, much

SOME OF OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ALLEN COUNTY COURT HOUSE

to the advantage of the local tradesmen, many of whom have built up princely establishments. As a residential city, it is pre-eminent and numbers every advantage of the metropolis, without its vices and menances to social purity. Its school buildings are the pride of every citizen, and models of architectural beauty. The educational system, like the school structures, is not surpassed anywhere.

The statistics that follow have been gathered with great care, and may be depended upon as being reliable in every particular.

Location

Fort Wayne occupies the highest point of land in Indiana, and is the center of a vast and rich agricultural region. It is 147 miles east from Chicago, and 102 miles northeast of Indianapolis. It is washed by three rivers, the St. Mary and the St. Joseph, uniting within the corporate limits to form the Maumee, which has its outlet in Lake Erie at Toledo.

Health

The general health of a city is always of utmost importance. In brief, it may be said that no other place in the country has been more free from contagious and infectious diseases. The excellent system of sewerage and hygienic regulations are prominent factors in maintaining this reputation for our city.

The public health is in the hands of a Health Commissioner appointed by the Mayor, assisted by a corps of consulting physicians and sanitary officers. The Health Commissioner is a skilled chemist and bacteriologist, who conducts an up-to-date, modern laboratory in which examinations of diseased material, of foods, water and milk are made. Sanitary measures, such as disinfection of houses, house to house inspection, and the management of contagious diseases are controlled by scientific laboratory methods.

For many years Fort Wayne has shown the lowest death rate of any of the cities in Indiana, and is among the cities that stand first in the United States in matter of public health.

Water

Fort Wayne has pure water. It owns the water works, the supply coming from rock wells of great depth. There has always been an adequate supply for drinking, manufacturing and city purposes.

Transportation

The Pennsylvania; Wabash; New York, Chicago & St. Louis; Grand Rapids & Indiana; Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton; Lake Erie & Western; and Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroads pass through Fort Wayne. Sixty-six passenger trains come in and out of the city daily.

Four interurban roads also enter this city, the Ft. Wayne & Northern Indiana Traction Co.; Toledo & Chicago; Ft. Wayne, Van Wert & Lima; and the Ft. Wayne & Springfield Traction Co.

Freight Rates

No city in the union can boast of being more favored in the matter of freight rates. Fort Wayne is able to reach all the New England States, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and Ohio at lower rates than either Chicago, Ill., or Grand Rapids, Mich. These latter two cities are selected for comparison for the reason, first, that Chicago is the rate-basing point of the entire United States; second, that Grand Rapids, a city of approximately twice the size of Fort Wayne, is in large part maintained by her manufactures. The appended tables, taken from the Commercial Club's Year Book, will show that Fort Wayne possesses in all cases equal and in some cases superior advantages to either of the above cities in the matter of rates.

RATES TO NEW YORK

CITY	CLASS AND RATE					
	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth
From Fort Wayne..	.67½	58½	45	31½	27	22½
From Grand Rapids	72	62½	48	33½	29	24
From Chicago.....	75	65	50	35	30	25

Rates to New England points are 10 per cent. higher in each class from all of these points than to New York, and to Philadelphia they are 2 cents and to Baltimore 3 cents less in each class.

TO BUFFALO AND PITTSBURG

CITY	CLASS AND RATE					
	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth
From Fort Wayne..	41	35	26	18	15	12
From Grand Rapids	44½	38½	29	20½	17½	14½
From Chicago.....	45	39	30	21	18	15

TO CINCINNATI

CITY	CLASS AND RATE					
	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth
From Fort Wayne..	33	28½	22	15	12	9½
From Grand Rapids	43	36½	27½	19	16	13
From Chicago.....	40	34	25	17	15	12

To New Orleans and the Southern and Southeastern territory, Fort Wayne enjoys equal rates with Chicago and lower rates than Grand Rapids. To the entire Pacific coast Fort Wayne has the same rates that both Chicago and Grand Rapids have.

These same distinct rate advantages are had by Fort Wayne from all this vast territory, a factor of first importance, affording, as it does, a lower rate in the securing of raw material as well as a lower rate in the distribution of finished products.

FORT WAYNE CITY HALL

GROUP OF A FEW FORT WAYNE CHURCHES

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Light The streets of Fort Wayne are well lighted by electricity, furnished by the Municipal Power Station. Work is now under way to provide the principal thoroughfares with ornamental lights, a result of a progressive movement towards beautifying the city. The Fort Wayne & Northern Indiana Traction Company, with general offices in this city, furnishes most of the current for light and power for commercial purposes.

Gas is supplied by the Indiana Lighting Company at economical rates. No city can boast of better service.

Schools More than one and a quarter million dollars are invested in Fort Wayne public school property, to say nothing of the numerous private and denominational schools. There are seventeen grade schools, one High and Manual Training School, one Administration Building and one Normal Training School. The "High and Manual Training School" alone represents an investment of approximately $280,000.00.

Among the denominational schools might be mentioned those under the jurisdiction of the Catholic Church, which have an enrollment almost equal to that of the public schools. Fort Wayne is the seat of Concordia College, an institution of wide note maintained by the German Lutheran church of the Missouri Synod. Two flourishing commercial colleges are also located here, one of them the largest in the state.

Churches Every denomination is represented. No city in America under 100,000 inhabitants gives more attention to matters of religion than this busy metropolis. It would be impossible here to enumerate the Christian and benevolent enterprises carried on by our people, always ready to respond liberally to any charitable project, and their record is one of which to be proud. Some of the most beautiful and expensive church edifices in the country may be found in Fort Wayne.

Recreation Fort Wayne has ten public parks, covering a total area of 172 acres, and representing a cash value of approximately $400,000.00, exclusive of improvements. On another page appear views of a few of the beautiful parks in our midst. Extensive plans have been mapped out for park improvement and additions during this and succeeding years.

It has always been the theory of the Park Board to make the public parks as popular as possible, and there are no "keep off the grass" signs to greet the visitors. It is the belief of the Board that the grass plots are put to the best use when they furnish a place for children to romp and exercise their muscles, and that the public should be invited to them rather than be repelled by unwelcome signs and stringent regulations.

Library One of the most magnificent library buildings in the country, erected at a cost of $100,000.00, and containing over 32,000 volumes. The site is a model one for the purpose, being located near the heart of the city and yet far enough away from the clash of the busiest thoroughfares.

Newspapers Fort Wayne has five progressive daily newspapers: The Journal-Gazette, Fort Wayne News, Fort Wayne Sentinel, The Abend-Post and Freie Press Staats-Zeitung. These papers are all metropolitan and carry a fine subscription list. They are conservatively edited, and no papers in the state outside of Indianapolis hold greater prestige.

Financial The city has eleven banks—four national, three private and four trust companies—exclusive of three prosperous building and loan societies. The capital, surplus and undivided profits of the banks at the present time are $3,660,717.35; with total deposits of $191,94,287.82.

While there have been times when many other cities have found it difficult to keep their industries supplied with necessary funds and credit, Fort Wayne has not been embarassed in this way. Bank failures are unknown here, and at no time during the severest panics have the doors of any bank been closed for a moment to a depositor. In other words, no city regardless of size or location offers safer or better banking accommodations.

Hospitals Fort Wayne's hospitals are four in number—St. Joseph, Hope, Lutheran and St. Rochus. In point of medical and surgical advantages, sanitary locations, modern appliances, etc., these hospitals rank very high.

The city of Fort Wayne and Allen County have jointly provided the means for an isolation hospital for the detention and treatment of virulent contagious diseases. It is a commodious brick structure, having all modern, necessary and scientific appointments; is convenient of access to the city, yet sufficiently isolated to be quite unobjectionable to any quarter of the city.

Industries There are 277 manufacturing and wholesale establishments in this city, representing a total capital of approximately $25,000,000.00. In all, there are 1,322 business and industrial institutions, giving employment to about 12,000 people.

FEDERAL BUILDING

A FEW PICTURESQUE SPOTS AROUND FORT WAYNE

ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL

The city boasts of a varied line of manufacture, almost a thousand separate articles being made. from shoes to Corliss engines.

New factories are being established each year, and the list of wholesale and jobbing houses, retail stores, financial institutions, railroads etc., all round out a wholesome industrial record.

Labor

The exceptionally favorable labor conditions are worthy of special consideration. Labor unions exist, but are wisely and conservatively managed, and serious disturbances are practically unknown. Eighty-five percent of the working people own their homes, and a large number have a comfortable sum laid aside for a rainy day.

The intelligence shown and co-operation practiced by the workingmen encourages large manufacturing institutions to locate here, and all such enterprises are cordially welcomed by labor.

Insurance

Holders of fire insurance policies are accorded the very lowest premiums owing to the classification of our rates, together with our metropolitan fire department. Insurance cost here will compare favorably with the lowest rates afforded by any other city of like size, and there is only one city in the state of Indiana that offers a less rate.

Fraternal Orders

Fort Wayne has sixty secret and benevolent societies, all of which have suitable quarters. The Elks' Temple, views of which appear in this booklet, is reputed to be one of the finest in the central west; and the Scottish Rite Cathedral is conceded to be by far the most magnificent building in the country devoted exclusively to Scottish Rite Masonry.

Hotels

Fort Wayne is well supplied with superior hotel accommodations. The Hotel Anthony, a strictly fire-proof eight-story structure, is the latest addition to the city, and is among the finest in the state; the Wayne Hotel, recently remodeled at a cost of over $100,000.00, and one of the best known hostelries in the middle west; the Randall, Baltes, Alt Heidelberg and the Rich, constitute the six leading houses. In addition to these there are numerous smaller and well conducted hotels.

Mail Service

The Fort Wayne Federal Building is a beautiful brown structure, erected in the year 1887 at a cost of $265,000.00. It has three-stories and basement, 56 x 84 feet at the base, equipped with all modern improvements and appliances and surrounded by a beautiful lawn 150 x 180 feet.

In the business section, four mail deliveries and seven collections are made each day, and in the residence portion two deliveries and two collections. Sundays and holidays excepted.

Fifty-four mail carrying trains receive and dispatch mail from this office every twenty-four hours. In point of speed, no city in the land surpasses Fort Wayne's mail train service. A letter mailed at Fort Wayne at 5:27 P. M. will reach Philadelphia at 7:54, New York City at 9:45, and Washington, D. C., at 10:42 the next morning. The distance between Fort Wayne and New York City is 765 miles. Equally quick service is obtained to other points

What is known as County Service is furnished throughout Allen County, of which Fort Wayne is the county seat. There are fifty-two Rural Free Delivery Routes, and nearly every farmer in the county has his mail delivered to him once a day.

The receipts of the Fort Wayne Postoffice for the year ending December 31, 1910, were $332,550.00, and if the present ratio keeps up the receipts in 1911 will run over $400,000.00.

Streets

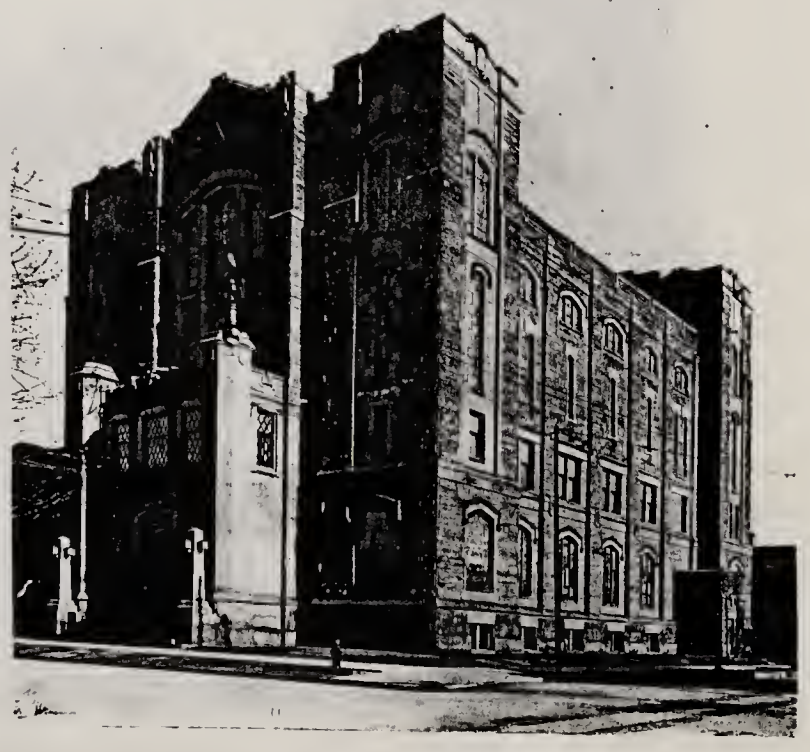
The streets of Fort Wayne in the residence district are lined with elms and maples. There are 208 miles of public streets, fifty miles of which are paved with asphaltum and brick. Beautiful drives reach to every section of the city and touch at all the parks. Nowhere can there be found a city of this size where the streets present more attractions for driving, for automobiling, cycling or for the ordinary uses of traffic.

Public Buildings

Fort Wayne is justly proud of her public buildings. Among these, the Allen County Court House, erected at a cost of $1,000,000.00, properly comes first and ranks among the most beautiful specimens of architecture in the United States, and would be creditable as the capitol of any state. The Federal Building, as has already been noted, is an imposing structure costing $265,000.00. The High and Manual Training School, which is conceded to be the most beautiful and completely appointed and equipped school building in Indiana, represents an investment of over a quarter million dollars. The free public library, a gift from Andrew Carnegie, cost $100,000.00. These, with the large number of ward grammar school buildings and imposing church edifices, all place Fort Wayne in matter of public buildings far above most cities in her class.

Police Department

The police department in any city is an important one. We feel that we are conservative when we state that the police department of Fort Wayne will compare favorably with the police department of any city regardless of size. Professional criminals are well aware of this fact, and make it a point to dodge Fort Wayne as a hiding place. The remarkably low percentage of crime and the promptness with which violators of the law are brought to justice, must be attributed to a great extent to the efficiency of the city's Police Department. The officers of this department are courteous and obliging and well paid for their services. No one is appointed or holds his position because of his political affiliations, and while it is not desired that the officers surrender their political principles, it is the custom to discourage activity in this line on their part.



SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL

VIEWS OF FORT WAYNE'S FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDINGS

The BEAUTIFICATION of FORT WAYNE

by C. H. Worden

PRESIDENT · FORT · WAYNE · CIVIC · IMPROVEMENT · ASSN.

ONE of the older poets said that, "God made the country and man made the town," and one interested in the development of cities on modern lines has remarked that, "In these latter years a lot of people have been hot on the trail of that man, and if they could find him, they would denounce him as a jerry builder and a dub." But what's the use? We can't find him, and after all, we are all pretty much to blame. So, instead of wasting time in fruitless effort, the people have, with right good will, set about recasting their cities. For a long time the work has gone merrily on in England and continental Europe and latterly has invaded a group of our American cities in a serious, thorough-going and infectious way.

After more than three years' effort, the people of Fort Wayne have begun to wake up to the fact that their city, in its beginning was one of those man-made towns; that although the Almighty had tried his best to get us started right by setting us down in our municipal infancy at the confluence of three beautiful streams of water, in a most beautiful situation, yet the un-wisdom of our fore-fathers made our streets narrow as if they thought they never would be used for anything but cow paths anyway, and made many of them to end at the river's edge, and failed utterly to consider even the possibility that their village might some time become a city of no mean importance. The village became a town, and later as it grew up, took on some airs and became a little city with a modest court house, built on a fine, centrally located public square that had generously been provided by one of our fore-fathers who was a visionary, who dreamed a dream and foresaw, clearer than his fellows, the magnificent court house that would one day be erected upon the ground he had thus provided. Later on, after the generous doner had passed to his reward, our County Commissioners with a narrowness of vision that would excite our sympathy if it didn't incite our anger, could see no earthly use in having such a big piece of ground for a public square, when there was so little public business, and so they put a street right through the public square and sold one-half of the piece of ground, that part now bounded by Court, Main, Clinton and Berry Streets, for $400.00 and today it could not be bought back for $400,000.

As our town grew into importance, the farm lands adjoining the town grew in value and each owner, with that independence characteristic of the American spirit, platted his grounds, not to conform to a general plan, but to suit himself; and so we have in the main business part of the city streets paralelling and at right angles to the old canal, which was then the main artery through the town, while all the balance of the city is laid out with the points of the compass. Little by little additions were made to the city, new plats being approved by municipal authorities, but with no thought of consideration for neighbors or friends or streets already laid out, and so we have many jogs in the streets that today, with our advanced ideas, offend our senses of proportion and beauty and make us wish that our fore-fathers and our municipal guardians might have had a broader conception of the needs of a growing community

But like we are, and like so many other cities throughout the country we have been studying the practices and methods of older cities, we have out-grown our provincialism, we see our defects, while at the same time we pride ourselves in the beauty of our natural advantages and we are determined to see if we cannot re-cast our city and make it over to some extent so as to conform more nearly to our ideas of a city fit to live in, to work out our salvation in, to raise our children in and to die in.

We feel a justifiable pride in our beautiful streets and parks, our magnificent public buildings, our artistic homes, our educational facilities, our numerous and beautiful churches testifying to the religious devotion of our people.

It must be admitted too, that our citizens have responded to some extent to the refining influences that have wrought such marvellous changes in the artistic sense and civic pride of other cities; but we have had the good sense not to flatter ourselves that we have reached our Ultima Thule so far as civic improvement is concerned, for we realize, as never before, that the smoke nuisance is with us in all its pristine and dirty glory, covering us as we walk the streets with flakes of smudge and soot, soiling our best clothes and spoiling our tempers, finding its way through the smallest crevices into our offices and homes and literally covering our books, our bric-a-brac and other household gods, and compelling us to wage constant battle against this inexcusable and exasperating sort of uncleanness. We fill our lungs with it; we silently fret and fume about it; but never a word of protest to the ruling powers. We suffer, but we ought to suffer, because we have heretofore endured so complacently this form of nastiness and we will continue to suffer until each one of us is brave enough or considerate enough not to wait for his neighbor to take the first step. The evil is not exaggerated. It can be corrected when the civic pride of our citizens is aroused to the point of compelling the necessary action to be taken and to enforce it against leading and influential citizens.

Again, our fine streets and paved alleys may satisfy our utilitarian spirits, but our artistic and sanitary notions have all been turned awry by the sight of waste paper and rubbish covering the former, and bottles, tin cans, old shoes, ashes and all sorts of waste material dumped into the latter. To be sure, we have laws and ordinances covering this sort of public nuisance, but they are practically a dead letter, because they are not enforced. The police may rudely threaten the poor man and even politely request the influential citizen to abate this form of nuisance, but thus far no definite result has been attained towards the elimination of this evil. Nevertheless we may hope that some good may be accomplished even in these matters, because our community is beginning to be aroused to a sense of its civic pride, and has shown by repentance, a desire for regeneration.

But this work of progress, the establishing of parks and boulevards, the beautification of our streams and their cleansing of the foul stuff that now contaminates their limpid waters costs money. And right here is where the proverbial knocker gets in his work. "The town is good enough for me," cries one. "We are taxed to death," says another. "What's the use of complaining about smoke? Why it is the sign of prosperity," says still another. "What do you want to do it that way for, when my way is so much better," growls another with a self interest to subserve. But hold on, my friends, we have you all spotted. In the great work we have before us there is no room for the pessimist. No work of reform has ever been begun that did not have to fight its way through clouds of dust that the objectors threw up. What we need in Fort Wayne is a vision and the courage to make that vision a reality. The average citizen of Fort Wayne is a patriot through and through. He is willing to pay his taxes and make his contribution to public improvements that are beneficial and honestly and efficiently carried on. There has never been a public improvement that was needed that was not successfully put through, despite the protests and objections of the few who are always in the way.

Nevertheless, the people are wary and rightfully so, because all over the country they have so often been imposed on by inefficient public officials. Public work in the past has been nobody's

HOPE HOSPITAL

work, and consequently it has often been poorly planned and more often poorly executed. And that is the very thing we are trying to do away with in so far as the work of beautification in Fort Wayne is concerned. We want to lay the foundations deep and broad. We need and must have the best expert advice we can obtain. We already have the earnest co-operation of honest and efficient city officials. We must not spend a dollar of the people's money that cannot be returned in a dollar's worth of value. We must consider the probable growth of the city and make our work tell, not only for the present, but for the future as well. We must avoid the extravagant waste that has in so many cities been carried on and do no more work that will have to be done over in a few years.

We have made great progress in this work the past year. During the summer of 1910, owing to public discussions and great meetings, public sentiment in favor of the improvement of our river front rapidly crystallized, and substantially every newspaper in the city was an ardent advocate of pronounced and early action. The Common Council, at a meeting in September, 1910, listened to the rumblings of the people in their cry for progress, and cordially and unanimously passed the resolution creating the Water Front Commission, and authorized the mayor and president of the Council to appoint its constituent members, and at the same time made a levy sufficiently large to start the work. This commission has been appointed and so far it has done its work well in recommending the retention of such able experts as Harrison P. Eddy, of Boston, sanitary engineer, and George E. Kessler, of St. Louis, landscape engineer.

The movement in Fort Wayne is a spontaneous cry for progress along modern and enlightened lines. It has had the endorsement and active support of the entire membership of the Commercial Club, of the Women's Club League, of our vast body of laboring men through the labor organizations, of churches, of societies, of newspapers, of rich and poor, of manufacturers, of merchants, all citizens joining in the patriotic cry for a better city to live in, to work in, to play in and to die in. The movement has become a great factor in municipal affairs, the secret of its success being that it is the voice of its progressive citizenship, backed by a responsive city government, undertaking these things of real worth and with the prestige and confidence of the people to carry out its undertakings.

Let us hope that the work of civic improvement, carried on as a part of a comprehensive whole, with no waste, no mistakes, may further arouse our civic pride, compel our attention to municipal affairs and make us better and truer citizens. If the people of Fort Wayne shall have the courage to carry out the plans that are being made, they will make their city a city of beauty, comfort and convenience, a home city, a business city, the best city in Indiana.

No Labor Troubles In Fort Wayne

The Toledo & Chicago Interurban Railway Co

The Toledo & Chicago Interurban Railway operates a mode equipped interurban railway from Fort Wayne north to Hunt town and Garrett, and from there east to Auburn and Waterloo, a west to Avilla and Kendallville, all in Indiana. Passenger trai are operated hourly between the above points or a total of fift six (56) passenger trains are operated daily. Local five hundr (500) mile tickets on sale at all ticket offices at $8.75 each. Int changeable one thousand (1,000) mile tickets, good for transport tion on practically all interurban lines in Indiana and Ohio, $17. each. Interline tickets and baggage checked to more than th hundred (300) points in Indiana and Ohio. Chartered cars may arranged for on short notice on a reasonable basis.

Freight service is operated on this line affording a prompt a convenient conveyance of freight matter in car loads or less th car loads between all local points and between nearly four hundr (400) points on lines operating in Indiana and Ohio. Three co plete deliveries are made from Fort Wayne to local points a returning connects with other lines operating out of Fort Wayn The deliveries are like express deliveries but the rates are the sa as for ordinary freight deliveries.

For information concerning rates, etc., consult agents address, G. M. Patterson, Traffic Manager, Kendallville, Indiana.

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Fort Wayne Boosters

The people of Fort Wayne have always been modest advertising to the world the many advantages of this sectic but it should not be thought that there is lack of public spi or faith in the future of this city. In fact there is not a reside in our midst that does not believe in Fort Wayne.

The local lodge of Elks has taken the initiative by outlini in this little volume a few of our belongings. All that is here written is backed up by facts and figures that are incontrovertab

The productions of our factories are enormous, and the p rolls each month are large, so it naturally follows that retail lin flourish and our business men profit by the distribution of func Any visitor on Saturday night especially will see the retail distr crowded and the sidewalks filled with hurrying shoppers.

Fort Wayne lacks nothing as a residence city or as a place business. We have a good class of labor and still have room f more industries, and every business man and citizen extends cordial invitation to **Come to Fort Wayne and Investigate.**

HOME OF THE FORT WAYNE COMMERCIAL CLUB

Our Interurban Service

IT has been often and truthfully said that our people develop in proportion to their transportation facilities, for all development, both commercial and educational, is made only by contact with humanity. Every close observer has noted that the progress of any city, town or hamlet is but the direct result of an ever-increasing improvement in the transportation of the public, the handling of the products that are grown or manufactured in its vicinity, and the possibility of capable facilities for the quick travel of the people and the shipping and receiving of the necessaries or luxuries of life.

Fort Wayne can well be reckoned fortunate in this line for she lacks not in these things so essential to a growing community. Steam railroads have aided her by their entrance and she has drawn from this source all the advantages accruing from transportation from and to the most distant points in the United States. But greater and of more lasting influence to her has been the development of the interurban lines. They have not only touched the larger cities but are also bringing to her gates in large numbers the inhabitants of the smaller towns and those of the rural districts. The frequent number of trains, the quick service and the large comfortable cars have a tendency to attract, and where in the past this class of people have left their community only on an occasional gala day, a festival or the like, now it is not unusual for them to take two and three trips each week. They are very fast becoming educated to the fact that a trip to the city or town and back home again takes but a few hours of their time.

ONE OF THE MODEL CARS ON THE "WABASH VALLEY ROUTE"

Among the notably fine electric railways in the middle west, none has proved itself more genuinely great as a throbbing artery of trade than the Fort Wayne and Northern Indiana Traction Company. Its beginning with small cars, slow time, short mileage and an occasional freight heralded but the coming of better things. Like the stage coach that outlived its usefulness so the small car with its narrow seats was abandoned for the large roomy upholstered car which in its effect, to use the term of its patrons "is almost de-luxe in its furnishings"; the system of train dispatching has been reduced to almost a science, a better class of railway employes and the modern safety devices have enabled it to improve its time; more mileage has been added, additional side tracks have been built; and instead of the occasional freight now carload shipments are handled with great dispatch and safety.

The "Wabash Valley Route", by which it is known by the thousands to whom it caters, operates eleven through trains each way daily between Fort Wayne and LaFayette; sixteen each way daily between Fort Wayne and Muncie and ten through limited trains each way daily between Fort Wayne and the Capitol City, Indianapolis. These through limited trains stop only in the cities and towns and one traveling the one hundred thirty-six miles really enjoys it, as for cleanliness, comfort and convenience it is conceded that the "Electric Way" has no equal.

A few years ago the traveler could travel to only a very small number of cities and towns, but today he can purchase a ticket to almost any point in the states of Ohio and Indiana and check his baggage on through to destination.

During the year 1904, when the Electric Roads were but in their infancy, approximately 219,000 people were handled in and out of Fort Wayne. In an interview with one of the local traction officials he stated that during the year 1911 the interurban roads will handle at least 2,000,000 people. This shows an approximate gain in seven years of 1,781,000 passengers and gives the Fort Wayne merchant some idea relative to the benefits he has derived since the establishment of the Traction Lines.

In the handling of its passenger traffic the interurban has done well but what are its possibilities as a freight transporter? At its inception the merchant saw in it an opportunity to sell his wares to those outside of his immediate community and make quick delivery by traction; the farmer awakened to a realization of the fact that he could market his goods and ship them with dispatch. Shipping demands in consequence were made and were readily granted but the electric railway man knew his limitations. He took cognizance of the fact that here was something that would grow with leaps and bounds. His path as he saw it lay in the obtaining of better freight transportation facilities. Steps were taken for the acquirement of freight cars and the opening of freight stations. The passenger car was abandoned to a great extent in the handling of shipments and same were transferred to the regular freights. But with the addition of new mileage and the complete recognition by shipper and receiver as to what the movement of freight by traction meant, additional cars were placed in service, the one-car train made way for the motor and trailer or two-car train. This period in the history of electric freight transportation continued for some time, then came the culminating epoch to this already fast and extensive mode of handling freight shipments, the joint connection with the electric line. With the inauguration of the transfer of shipments in less than carloads and the interchange of carloads at junction points, the problem of quick transportation for hauls of one hundred, two hundred or three hundred miles was solved and the delivery is also akin to the very best express service.

As an example take the "Wabash Valley Route." Shipments are handled by this line to almost all points in Ohio and Indiana, close or immediate connections are made at junctions with local or through freights and shipments that it formerly took a week before they reached destination are now delivered in 48 hours. The service on the "Wabash Valley Route" is a fair sample of the service of the various electric lines throughout the middle west. There are two local freight trains west to LaFayette and intermediate points daily making connections with foreign lines at Wabash, Peru, Logansport and LaFayette; three freight trains south daily, one a through freight to Indianapolis and two locals for Bluffton, Muncie and intermediate points, making connections with foreign lines at Bluffton and Muncie. During the year 1904 approximately 750 tons of freight were handled into Fort Wayne, while Traction Officials say that sixty-five thousand tons will be a fair estimate for the year 1911. This is quite an excellent showing and with additional facilities this business will increase in proportion and Fort Wayne will also be the gainer thereby.

The various electric railways have also entered into contract with the old line express companies, the United States Express Company handling the business over the "Wabash Valley Route."

CITY OFFICIALS OF FORT WAYNE

The Anthony

THIS is Fort Wayne's newest and most magnificent hotel. erected but a few years ago at a cost of about $450,000.00, No effort or expense was spared to construct a strictly up-to-date fire-proof building, and nothing has been omitted in equipment and furnishings to put it on a plane with the best houses in the country. It is not surpassed in point of beauty and convenience by any hotel in Indiana.

Immediately upon entering the Anthony, one is impressed with the surroundings. A large and well appointed lobby furnishes an insight into what has been done for the comfort and convenience of the guests. Adjoining the lobby on one side will be found the dining room which is considered to be among the most beautifully decorated and arranged of any such room to be found anywhere. This room will accommodate three hundred people. Two attractive grill rooms are also on the first floor, each having a seating capacity sufficient to accommodate fifty. A large banquet hall is located on the second floor, used for parties, meetings, dances, etc. Few hotels are so well equipped to take care of conventions and banquets.

There are two hundred rooms in the house, with hot and cold running water throughout. Local and long distance telephone connections are also made with every room, and in a majority of rooms bath accommodations are furnished. The furniture is of the best grade, with the carpets and other furnishings made especially for the hotel at the time of its opening. All parts of the house present this appearance of elegance.

ANTHONY HOTEL

The management of the Anthony is under the general direction of Mr. H. J. Keenan, who was formerly interested in the hotel business at Scranton, Pa. He is at present also opening a new modern fire-proof house in Kalamzoo, Michigan.

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Alt Heidelberg

The Alt Heidelberg Stag Hotel, which is conveniently located at 905–911 Calhoun Street needs no introduction to the majority of those who may read this book. There is no more liberally managed hotel in Fort Wayne and none more popular with the public. It contains twenty-six nicely furnished rooms, heated with steam, hot and cold running water in every room and telephone connection throughout. It is conducted exclusively on the European plan. The Ladies' Dining Room, as well as the Gentlemen's Grill and Buffet, are furnished in old German style, and no expense has been spared to make it one of the most attractive places in this section of the State.

This house is owned by the Clemens Hotel Company, and is under the personal management of Mr. Dan Clemens, Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. Clemens is recognized as being an efficient man in his line and counts many friends among those whose business brings them frequently to our city. Street cars from all depots pass the doors of the Alt Heidelberg.

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Future Prospects

The location of Fort Wayne is one which renders it impossible for any combination of circumstances to arrest its growth, either as a manufacturing point or a home town. The past of Fort Wayne, having furnished a record of continuous and sustained growth, it is a fair presumption that the future will present results of proportionate advance or even accelerated expansion.

Not many years ago the electric light and trolley were absolutely unknown, few of the streets were paved, and there were no modern office buildings or business blocks, no really modern churches or school houses. But this is an age of speed, and the industries of the present day are surrounding themselves with forces and agencies as amazing in their results as those of steam and electricity. Already the developments of electrical science have given us a revolution in methods of obtaining motive power which bids fair to supplant all others. In the utilization of all the resources which nature has furnished or science unveiled, there is every reason to believe that Fort Wayne will be fully abreast with the most progressive cities. Fort Wayne has no lack of men with business sagacity equal to the improvement of every opportunity, and it is safe to predict that the historian of the industries of the future will be able to point back to those of today as the auspicious beginnings of a greater and brighter destiny.

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Our Banks

Upon the financial standing of the banks often depends the fortunes or misfortunes of their customers, and a feeling of confidence in these institutions gives an assurance to depositors which is of the very highest importance in nearly all business transactions. It is most gratifying to here state that our citizens feel secure and absolutely safe in all their dealings with the local banks. Whether it be the wealthy merchant or the humble laborer, the same consciousness of feeling that his funds are secure prevades alike all classes.

Our local bankers have done much to foster the confidence reposed in them, for times without number they have come to the aid of the small business man whose bills were due and unpaid and helped to tide him over his temporary difficulties in meeting demands. Our banks of today demand but lawful and moderate interest and the small borrower is glad to pay such, and there ends his obligation so far as business is concerned. But above and beyond that commercial transaction is another feeling, one of friendliness and gratitude that is lasting and difficult to describe in words, for it often reaches down into the heart. It causes a humble business man to think of the banker who did not hesitate to help him "out of a hole" in the hour of need, and quite frequently upon the very slightest security, as a friend indeed.

GROUP OF FORT WAYNE RESIDENCES

WAYNE HOTEL

THERE is no better index to the commercial importance of a city than its hotels, as it is through them that a visitor gets his first impression as to the life and business in a place. Some years ago Fort Wayne might have been considered deficient in this respect, but that time has now passed.

The Wayne Hotel, located at 117-123 West Columbia Street, has become widely known to the traveling public throughout the country as being one of the most up-to-date hosteleries in northern Indiana. The house was recently remodeled at a cost of over $100,000.00, and every improved appliance installed for the convenience of guests. It contains 120 rooms, with hot and cold running soft water furnished throughout and shower bath on every floor. Each room is also supplied with local and long distance telephone service. The sample rooms are the largest of any in the city, and may be had either with or without bath.

The European plan prevails here, this plan having been adopted as being the most satisfactory. The ladies' and gents' grill room, connecting with the dining room, is located on the first floor, and it is seldom one will find as tastefully arranged and beautifully decorated room of this character. The cuisine is nowhere excelled, special attention being given this department. The management has always looked upon the kitchen and chef as being among the most important features of the house, and there is no one thing that has been more instrumental in contributing to the Wayne's widespread popularity.

WAYNE HOTEL

The management is under the personal direction of Mr. Wm. D. Collins, who is well versed in all branches of the business. There is no department where he is not able to take active charge. On a minute's notice he can take up the duties of the steward or the desk clerk, and if occasion requires he can step from his private office to the kitchen and take up the duties of the chef.

Visitors to our city during the coming Elk's conclave, as well as those coming to attend other meetings during the year, will make no mistake by stopping at this house. It is centrally located, and patrons may at all times be assured of fair and honorable treatment.

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Rich Hotel

This ranks as one of the particularly well established houses of the city, that has always maintained a most excellent reputation for first-class service and hygienic cuisine at moderate prices. It is located at the corner of Calhoun and Douglas Avenue, and is under the management of Mr. Thomas J. O'Dowd, who is also sole owner. Mr. O'Dowd has been the proprietor for the past seven years, prior to which time he was in the capacity of clerk for eleven years. He has a wide acquaintance among the traveling public, and many of his patrons have been regularly stopping at this house for over ten years.

The American plan prevails here, the rates being $1.50 and $2.00 per day. A first-class bar is located in the same building under the management of Mr. John Clark.

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The Baltes

The Baltes Hotel, which is centrally located at the corner of Berry and Harrison Streets, is among the leading houses of our city. It contains fifty-seven rooms, with steam heat, telephone service, and hot and cold running water throughout. About one-third of the rooms have bath connections.

This hotel is operated on the European plan, rates from 75c per day up; rooms with bath $1.00 and $1.50. A cafe is conducted on the first floor, also an up-to-date buffet.

The Baltes is under the management of Mr. Wm. H. Knapp, who gives the business his entire attention. He is well known to the traveling public, and his house is always well patronized.

An advertisement of this hotel appears on another page.

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Home Telephone and Telegraph Company

Owing to inadequate telephone service and to the then prevailing high rates, about fifty Fort Wayne citizens organized The Home Telephone & Telegraph Company in 1896. Beginning with eight hundred subscribers and notwithstanding a vigorous competitive warfare during the first four years of its existence, the company has now grown to approximately sixty-five hundred subscribers in the city of Fort Wayne.

In addition to its local plant it has acquired exchanges at New Haven, Kendallville, Auburn, Rome City and Avilla, Indiana, as well as over a thousand miles of long distance telephone lines.

In the City of Fort Wayne the Home Telephone Company has built throughout the entire business district and extending into the residence territory a complete underground cable system and is extending its overhead cable system in every direction in the outlying residence districts.

The company owns the buildings which it occupies, the main exchange being a three-story office building at the corner of Main & Clinton Sts., the branch office being located at the corner of Calhoun St. and Masterson Ave.

The equipment is of the most modern type. The company employs over one hundred switch-board operators, and fifty men are constantly employed in making extensions, building new lines and looking after repairs. During the last five years over sixty private branch exchanges have been installed, in the different offices, business houses and hotels in the city.

OFFICIALS OF ALLEN COUNTY

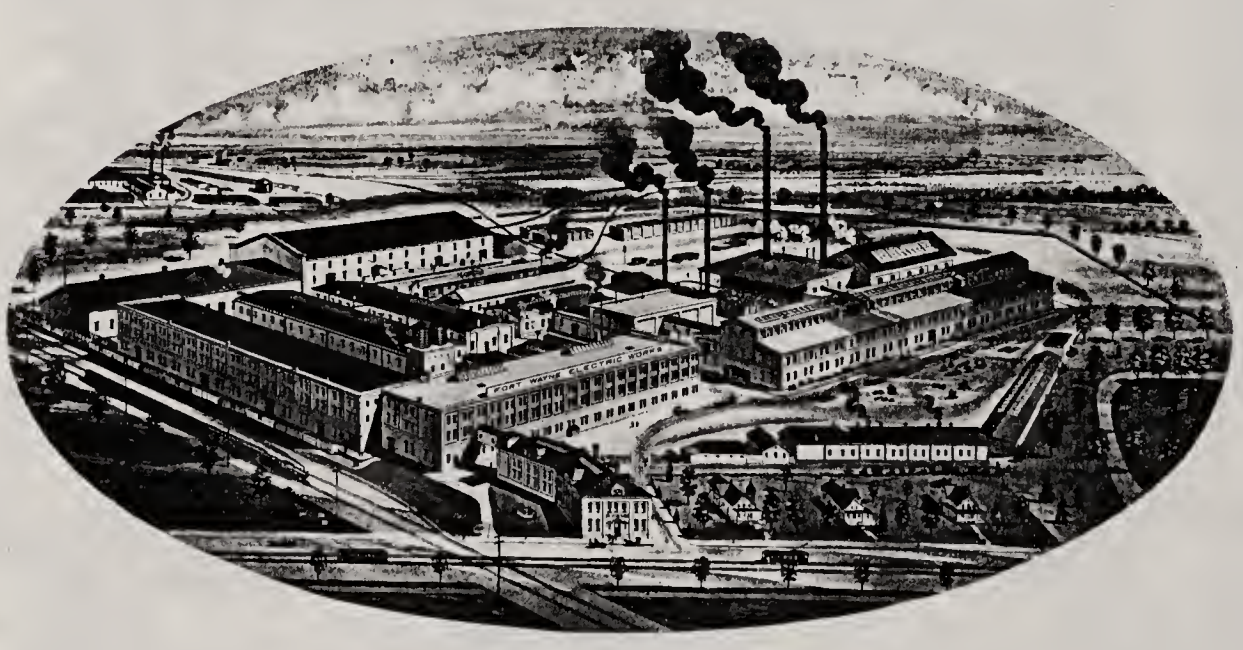
OUR MANUFACTURING INTERESTS

Fort Wayne Electric Works

This is one of Fort Wayne's largest enterprises, and one entitled to special mention in this review. As its name indicates, its products consist of electrical apparatus, many of which have become universally recognized over the entire country as standard.

The business was established in 1882, since which time it has enjoyed a steady and healthy growth until today it ranks among the greatest electrical plants of the United States. A branch manufacturing plant is also operated at Madison, Wisconsin.

On this page appears an illustration of the company's present Fort Wayne plant, to which a four-story addition is now being built. A large five-story office building is also being constructed which should be completed during this coming summer or fall. The plant as it now stands occupies 378,444 square feet of floor space, and employment is given regularly to more than fifteen hundred people.



FORT WAYNE ELECTRIC WORKS

The business policy pursued here has always been such as to retain the confiidence of the entire public, and the officers have never hesitated to do their share towards the furtherance of all worthy movements that tend to the betterment and upbuilding of our City.

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The Bass Foundry and Machine Company

In another part of this booklet appears a partial view of the immense Fort Wayne works of the Bass Foundry & Machine Company. The illustration represents only about one half of the present buildings, it unfortunately being impossible to get a later view in time for publication. These works have been in operation for almost sixty years and are among the principal industries of this section.

In addition to the Fort Wayne plant, the company operates furnaces in Alabama eonverting ore into pig iron for use in their car wheels and high-grade castings. It owns 24,000 acres of valuable ore lands in the South.

The finished products from this plant are distributed throughout every state in the Union, the car wheels, which are recognized as the best made, having been adopted by a large percentage of railroads. Corliss Engines, Heavy Machinery, Boilers, Heavy Forgings and all kinds of Castings are also included in the products, the value of the entire output aggregating from three to four million dollars annually and approximately fifteen hundred workingmen are employed. Mr. John H. Bass, the founder, is President of this Company; C. S. Strawbridge, Vice-President and Secretary; and G. M. Leslie holds the office of Treasurer.

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Kerr Murray Manufacturing Company

There is no better known enterprise in its line in the country than that named above, which was established here in 1861. Its product consists of Gas Works Apparatus, Gas Holders, Steel Tanks and Cast Iron Work of every description. Employment is given to 275 skilled workmen, and the output finds its way to all parts of the United States, Canada and Mexico.

The company was incorporated in 1881, and the following comprise the present officers: A. D. Cressler, President; A. M. Cressler, Treasurer; K. M. Cressler, Engineer: and G. H. Cressler, Sales Manager, all of whom reside in Fort Wayne.

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Perrine Armstrong Company

With a trade territory extending from South Africa to the Pacific Coast, the Perrine Armstrong Company, manufacturers and wholesale dealers in lumber, have perhaps done as much as any other one enterprise towards carrying the name of Fort Wayne to distant parts of the world. The plant on Winter Street is admirably situated for shipping purposes, being on spurs from both the Pennsylvania and Wabash Railroads. The annual sales total about $350,000.00, and employment is given to eighty workmen. The entire plant covers about ten acres.

This business was originally started in 1888 by Mr. Van B. Perrine, but twelve years later it had grown to such proportions that it was deemed advisable to incorporate under the present name. Since that time the business has reached such magnitude that the company has become recognized as one of the largest and most reliable institutions of its kind in Indiana.

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Fort Wayne Corrugated Paper Company

Although established but three years ago this enterprise has grown to great proportions, and is at present elassed among our most important concerns from both an industrial and eommercial standpoint. The output eonsists of Corrugated Paper and its Products, which go all over the United States and Canada.

The plant covers a total floor space of 100,000 square feet, modernly equipped throughout. Two hundred people are employed.

GROUP OF FORT WAYNE FIREMEN

Wayne Knitting Mills

The Wayne Knitting Mills does an annual business of approximately $2,000,000.00. Some idea of the magnitude of the plant may be obtained from the fact that a total of 277,000 square feet of floor space is occupied, and employment given to 2,200 people. The length of buildings if placed on one floor end to end would cover one and one-third miles. 84,000 stockings are turned out each day, and they may be found on sale in every state of the Union.

One of the features of the concern is the organization of the heads of the different departments into a Textile Industrial Club, the members sharing in the profits of the business. An important department of the factory work is centered in the new Club House, built for employes, with sleeping rooms for one hundred girls on the top floor, large dining rooms, rest rooms, lounging rooms, bowling alleys and pool and billard tables.

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Fred Eckart Packing Company

The Fred Eckart Packing Company was established in October, 1900. Its output consists of Pork, Beef, Veal and Mutton products, which are sold over a radius of seventy-five miles in all directions from Fort Wayne. The plant, located at 1825–1833 West Main Street, is declared by experts to be a model one of its kind from both a sanitary and hygienic standpoint. It is the only packing plant in Fort Wayne operated under Government Inspection, all work being done under the supervision of three Government Inspectors, who are on the ground constantly during working hours.

"ELK BRAND" Pure Lard, Hams and Fancy Bacon, have met with great favor wherever introduced. "MAPLE BRAND" Bacon, Shoulders, etc., are also well and favorably known. In fact, all of this Company's products have never failed to successfully meet all outside competition, and we believe that our city is particularly fortunate in having an institution of this character.

The officers are: Fred Eckart, President; Elizabeth Eckart Vice-President; and Henry Eckart, Secretary, Treasurer and Manager, all of whom give their entire attention to the business.

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The Craig Biscuit Company

This company began business October 3, 1903, and is at present one of the most extensive manufacturers of Crackers and Cakes in northern Indiana. Their specialities are "Queen Bee" Wafers, Select Sodas, Select Grahams and Select Lunch Crackers, which brands are meeting with great favor wherever introduced. The plant is strictly modern throughout and occupies a total floor space of 40,000 square feet. Ninety people are employed, and the products find their way to all parts of Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. Mr. J. C. Craig is President, and Mr. G. L. Scheffler, Secretary, Treasurer and Manager.

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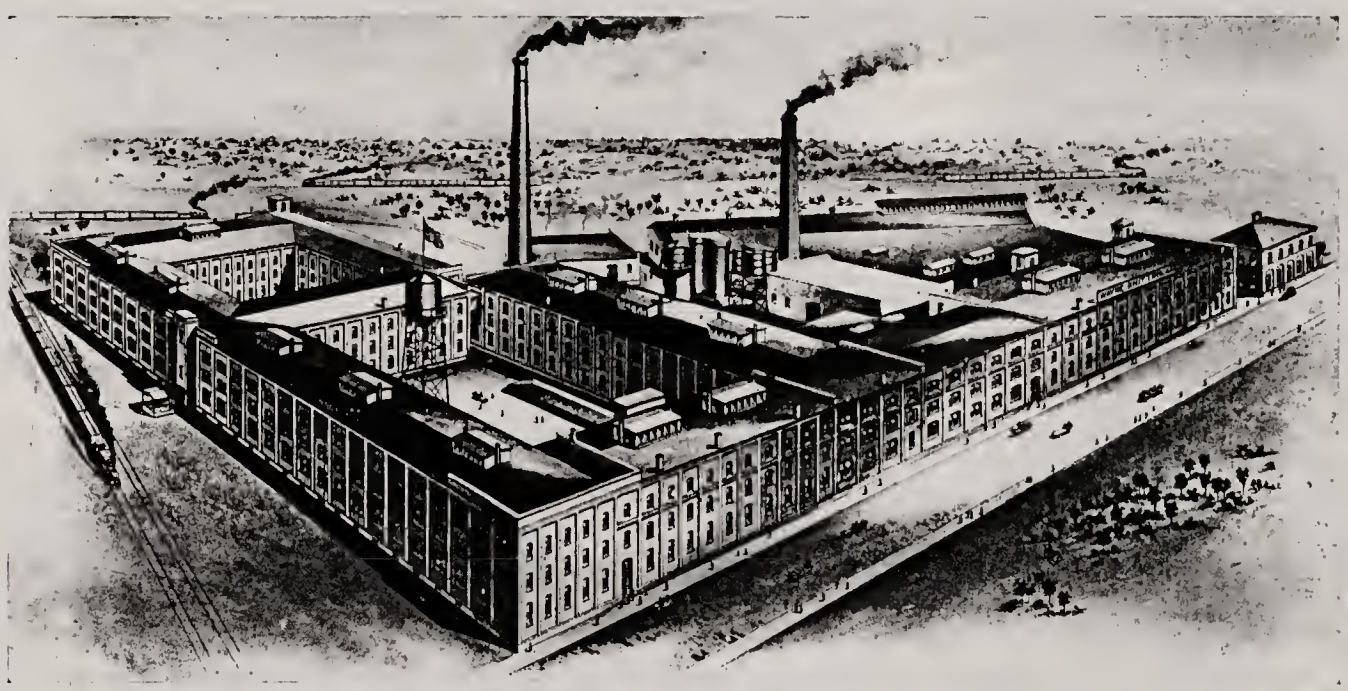
Princess Manufacturing Company

With the constant addition of new factories in Fort Wayne came an evergrowing demand for men's working shirts. For many years this demand had been supplied by foreign manufacturers until a number of the city's younger business men awoke to the fact that the supply might just as well come from their home city, and the Princess Manufacturing Company was the direct result.

O. F. Evans is the head of this corporation; James Lohman, Vice-President; and W. F. Peters is Secretary and Treasurer.

Since its establishment in 1901, the trade territory has been extended so as to embrace the states of Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Michigan. Sixty people are given constant employment. The assurance of prompt delivery and reasonable prices has placed this company in high favor with retailers in this district.



VIEW OF WAYNE KNITTING MILLS

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Pony Cigar Company

This is the home of the celebrated 'Dona-Luria" clear Havana Cigar, "Pony" 10c cigar, and "El Venzo" 5c cigar. These goods are well known to the smoking public throughout this city and surrounding territory.

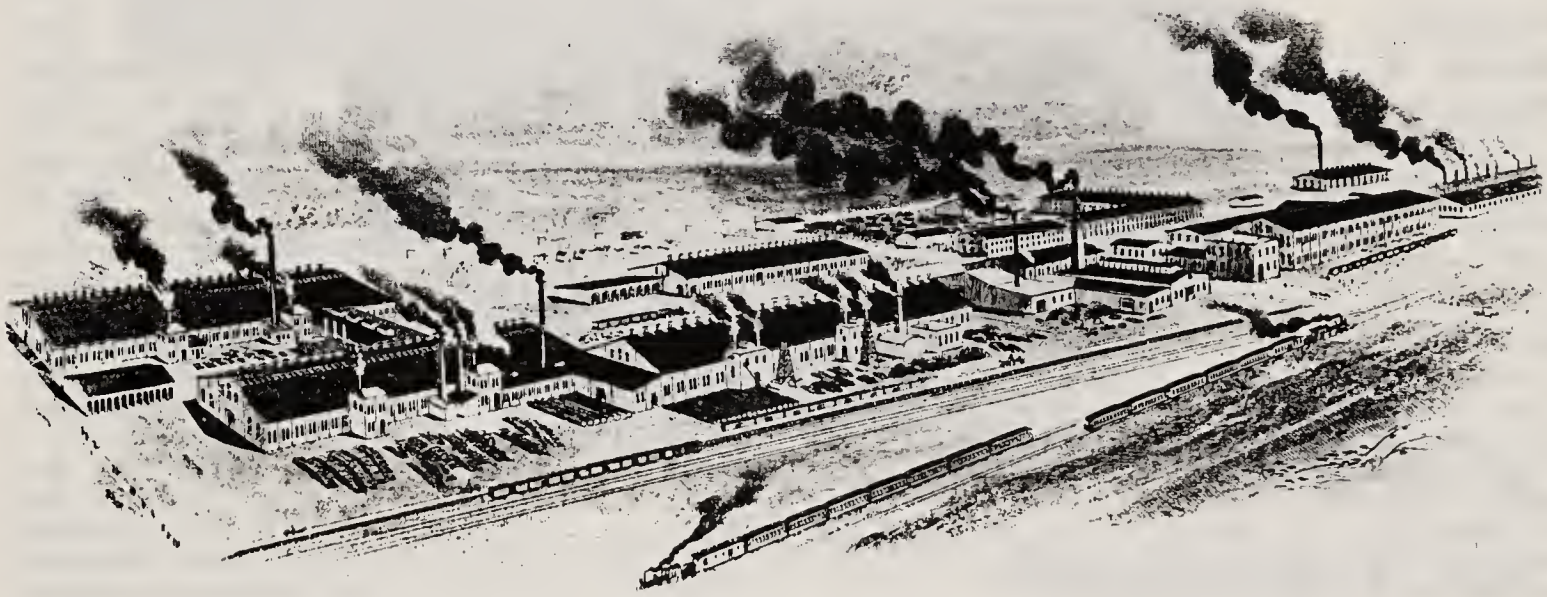
This company was established in 1863, and incorporated in 1905 with the following officers: John N. Pfeiffer, President and Manager, Martin H. Nierman and Thomas Althouse. The products are only of the highest quality, to which may be attributed their large and constantly increasing sales.

Fort Wayne has 108 miles of water mains. Cost of water to small consumers is ten cents per 1000 gallons, and as low as 6 1-2 cents per 1000 gallons to large consumers. There are 835 fire hydrants.

Partial View of the Fort Wayne Plant of

The Bass Foundry and Machine Company

Covers 20 Acres of Ground
Employs 1500 Workmen
Annual Output Represents from
Three to Four Million Dollars



Manufacturers of Car Wheels, Corliss Engines, Heavy Machinery, Boilers, Heavy Forgings and Castings of every
:: Description ::

Established 1853

The Bass Foundry and Machine Company

Fort Wayne . . . . Indiana

S. F. Bowser & Company, Inc.

A birds eye view of the plant of S. F. Bowser & Company, Inc., is given on this page. This is the home of the Perfect Oil and Gasoline Storage Systems, the company being the patentees of the original self-measuring systems. There is perhaps no other one enterprise in Fort Wayne that has become more widely known throughout the entire country. It was established in 1885, since which time its products have been introduced in every state of the Union, including Canada and practically every civilized country on the globe. Over 750,000 Bowser tanks are now in use.

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Samuel M. Foster Company

This is the original shirt waist factory of the country, and "Foster" Waists are known everywhere in the United States. The company began business in 1885, and its growth has been parallel with that of the city. At present 35,000 square feet of floor space is occupied, and two hundred fifty people are employed. Mr. Samuel M. Foster is the President; Frank L. Taft, Secretary and Manager; and Jules C. Simon is Treasurer.

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Fort Wayne Foundry & Machine Co.

This company was established in 1842, and incorporated in 1897. The products consist of Structural Iron Work and Gas and Gasoline Engines. Its trade territory extends over the entire United States, and steady employment is given to approximately one hundred workmen.

The officers comprise the following: J. H. Bass, President; C. T. Strawbridge, Secretary; G. M. Leslie, Treasurer; A. W. Pickard, Assistant Treasurer and Manager.

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Old Fort Knitting Mills

Beginning only about a year ago, the Old Fort Knitting Mills are already giving employment to two hundred people and the product of Full Fashioned and Seamless Hosiery is finding a ready market throughout the United States. The Company was incorporated with D. N. Foster as President and Treasurer; A. B. White, Vice-President; and Arnold Curdes, Secretary, who still direct the policies of the Mills. The general management and supervision of the plant is at present under the direction of Mr. Chas. F. Ford, a man of long experience in this line.

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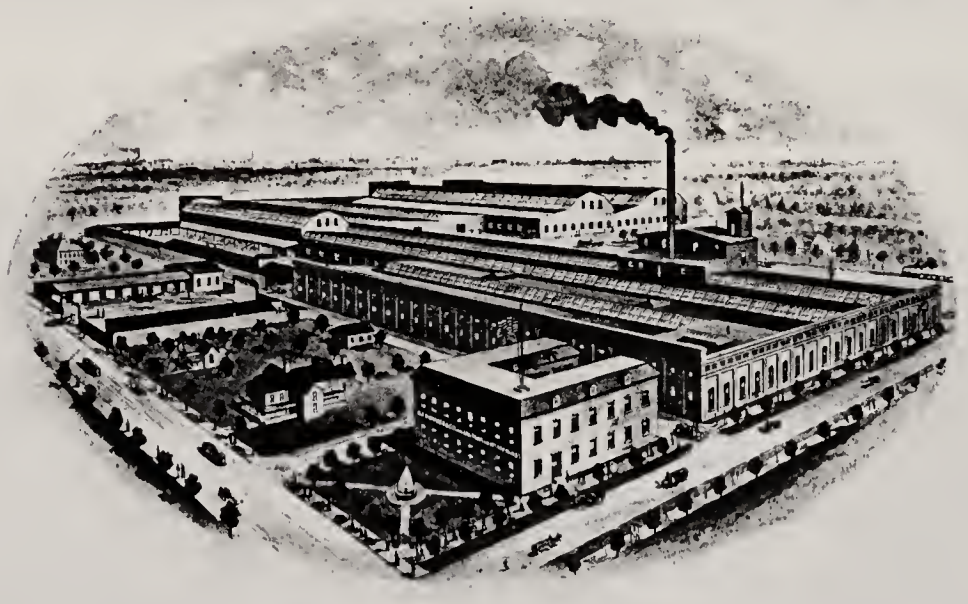
The Paragon Cooperage Company

Fort Wayne produces and sells more barrel material than any other city in the United States. It is conceeded to be a cooperage center and is known as such from the Atlantic to the Pacific, there being handled through this city not less than 550 cars of hoops, staves and heading per month, or 6,600 cars per year, at an average value of $500.00 per car, or an annual business of $3,300,000.00.

Among the enterprises in this line, the one named above is deserving of special mention, from both a standpoint of commercial standing and the merit of their products. This company was established March 7, 1910, by Charles A. Spanley and John E. O'Connor, who are still the sole owners. An extensive manufacturing and jobbing business is conducted in Slack and Tight Barrel Staves, Heading and Hoops, the total annual sales amounting to approximately $500,000.00. The trade territory extends to all parts of the United States.

The general offices are located at 609–610 Peoples Trust and Savings Company Building, this city, Branch offices are also maintained at Minneapolis, Minnesota.



PLANT OF S. F. BOWSER & CO.

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Jacob Klett & Sons

This enterprise was established in 1877, and during the thirty-four years of its existence it has built up a business second to none in its line in this section of the State. Its products consist of Interior Finish, Lumber, Shingles, etc., which are sold at retail. The firm is made up of Messrs. John A. Klett, William B. Klett and John G. Klett, all of whom give their entire attention to the business.

The offices and one of their lumber yards are located at 336 Pearl Street, and their mills are at the corner of Superior and Wells Sts.

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Mayflower Mills

With a trade extending over a large portion of territory east of the Mississippi River, the Mayflower Mills stand as one of the most important industries of our city. This is the home of the celebrated "Silver Dust" Flour, which has become too well and favorably known wherever used to need comment.

These mills have been located at 118–120 West Columbia Street for the past twenty-two years, where steady employment throughout the year is given to twenty-five experienced workmen

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Auto Top Company

This company was established in 1906. Its products, which consist of auto and buggy Tops and Cushions, find their way over an extensive trade territory and have earned the reputation of being among the most artistic and serviceble of any goods of their kind on the market.

The firm is composed of Messers E. C. and H. A. Smith, both of whom are well known in manufacturing circles of this section. The office and plant are located at 221 East Columbia Street.

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Charles Ehrman & Son

Since 1875 Charles Ehrman & Son have conducted a wagon factory and repair shop at the corner of Main and Fulton Street A horse shoeing department is also a part of the business.

Quite a force of expert workmen are employed at this place, and the firm has earned a most enviable reputation. Carriage painting and repairing of buggies is given special attention.

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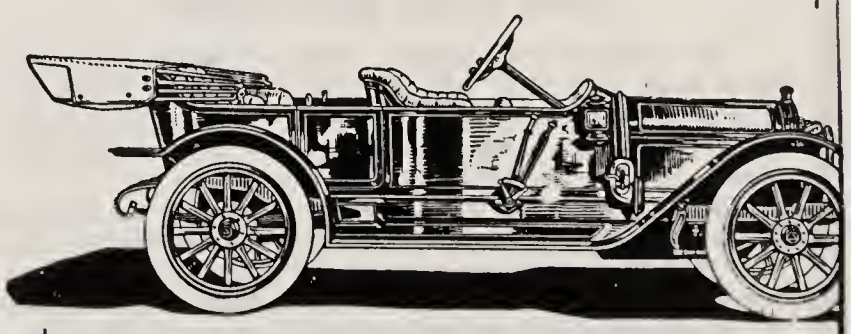

Howard E. Coffin's Masterpiece

Bryan Motor Car Co.
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The Western Gas Construction Company

This company was established in 1888, and is devoted to the manufacture of Artificial Gas Plants, complete Gas Apparatus, Ammonia Apparatus, Valves, Specials, Gas Holders, Tanks, Castings and plate sheet and structural work of every description. Its trade territory extends throughout the United States and Canada, together with some trade in Europe and South America.

This is the largest establishment of its kind in the United States, and it is the only one that is prepared to manufacture and erect a complete plant from its own factory. This factory covers an area of approximately thirteen acres, and employment is given regularly to 350 workingmen.

Branches of the company are maintained at New York City and San Francisco.

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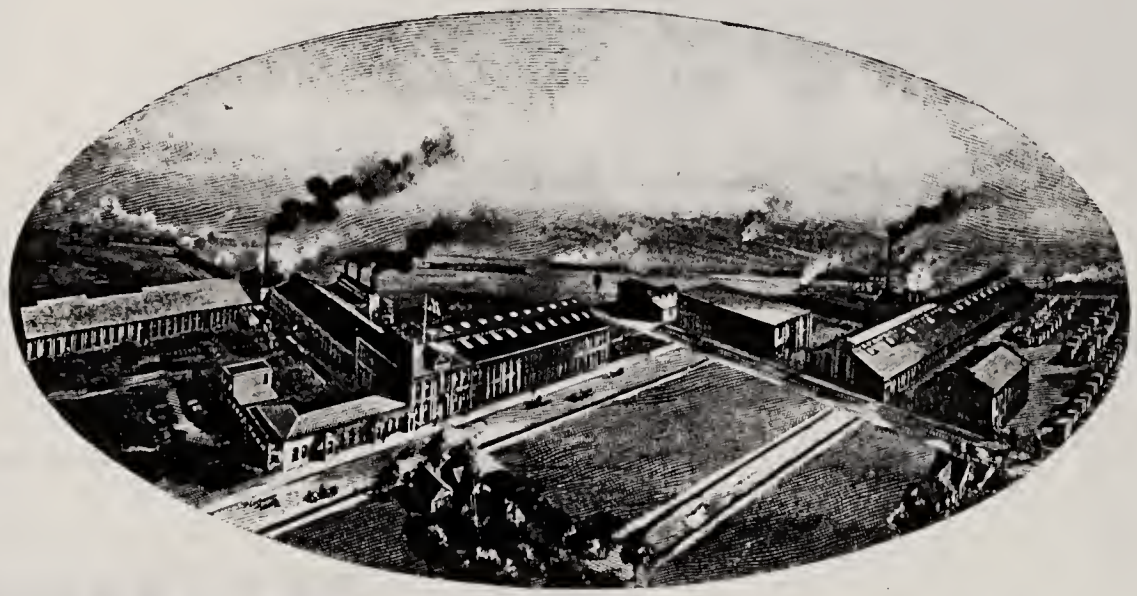
Peter A. Moran Ice Company

This company operates one of the most up-to-date artificial ice plants in northern Indiana, and it has been in continuous business since 1853. Employment is given to twenty-five people, and the capacity of the plant amounts to fifty tons daily.

The superiority of artificial ice is universally conceded, and there has never been a time when the output of this plant has not been in great demand. Approximately $35,000.00 worth of its product is sold annually.

The general management of this company is under the personal supervision of Peter J. and Bernard A. Moran, both of whom are well and favorably known in this city.



VIEW OF WESTERN GAS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

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Frank Gruber Boiler Works

The products of this concern consist of Boilers, Tanks and Sheet Metal Work, which find their way to all parts of Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Michigan. The plant occupies 9,300 square feet of floor space, employment is given to fifteen skilled mechanics, and the annual sales amount to $18,000.00.

Mr. Frank Gruber, the proprietor, established this business in 1897. He uses none but first-class materials, together with the best mechanics, which guarantee to his patrons satisfaction in every case. He has had thirty years experience in this line, and has equipped the plant with all modern pneumatic tools and machinery which have given it the reputation of being the most complete of its kind in the middle west for the proper construction and repairs of Boilers, Tanks and Sheet Metal Work of every description. It is located at 202–216 Barr Street.

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Fort Wayne Builders' Supply Company

No enterprise in this city has shown more rapid growth than that named above. It was established February 25, 1905, and nearly every year has witnessed an addition to its buildings or needed space. The capital stock has recently been increased to $75,000.00 in order to expand still further, which will soon place it in a position to handle the constantly increasing line of patrons better than ever before.

Everything is made here in the line of mill work, and the company is especially prepared to execute orders for interior trim according to architects' details. It is also an extensive wholesale and retail dealer of lumber and building materials of every description.

The office and planing mill are located at 812–822 Hayden Street, and the lumber yard is at 900–917 Hayden Street. Almost two acres of yard space is occupied.

The officers are Ferdinand Meier, President; Henry L. Mollet, Vice-President; and John Suelzer, Jr., Secretary and Treasurer.

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Myron Downing Bakery

In 1908, Mr. Myron Downing purchased the Bread Department of the National Biscuit Company, then operating in this city. Under the present ownership, this business has been built up until its patronage now covers a radius of seventy-five miles in every direction from Fort Wayne. Mr. Downing has had a long and valuable experience in his line, having formerly been manager for the National Biscuit Company at this point. His Bread, Rolls and Coffee Cake have met with great popularity, and the capacity of the plant is being taxed to its utmost.

The plant is considered one of the most modern of its kind in northern Indiana, and the conditions existing in every department are such as to merit the unrestricted endorsement of the entire public. Twenty-four high-class workmen are regularly employed.

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Fred G. Schneider Cigar Factory

The "Valetta" 10c cigar and "Magnolia" 5c cigar have been instrumental to a great extent in giving Fort Wayne its enviable reputation as a city in which to trust home-made cigars. The two brands named above are products of the Fred G. Schneider factory, which is located at 1024 Calhoun Street.

Mr. Schneider established this business in 1895, since which time he has built up a patronage amounting to almost $30,000.00 annually. The plant is a model one from both a sanitary and workmen's standpoint. Approximately 2,625 square feet of floor space is utilized, and employment given to eighteen people.

During the past three years Fort Wayne has built almost fifteen hundred dwellings at a total cost of upwards of four million dollars. Many lots have also been purchased outside the city limits and houses and factory buildings erected on same.

The Berghoff

Brewing Association

Welcomes the Visiting Guests and Extends

Them an Invitation to Visit

Their Plant

Getz & Cahill

The undertaking establishment of Getz & Cahill began business August 27, 1908. While scarcely three years old, it has enjoyed a prosperous business from the start, always having been classed as one of the leading firms of the kind in this city.

Mr. Joseph F. Getz and James B. Cahill, who comprise the members of the firm, appreciate the confidence the people at large have imposed in them, and take this occasion to thank their many friends for same.

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Jacob Sutz

The tailoring establishment of Jacob Sutz, which is located at 1824 South Calhoun Street was opened to the public in 1906. Mr. Sutz is a practical man of long experience in his line, and being located outside of the high rent district he is in a position to offer patrons the very best at moderate prices. He started in business in Crestline, Ohio, in 1886, and moved to Fort Wayne twenty years later on account of the majority of his trade being among Pennsylvania R. R. men residing in Fort Wayne and vicinity.

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David C. Fisher

The Insurance, Real Estate and Loan Business of Mr. D. C. Fisher was established in 1865. He represents the Mutual Life of New York, the New York Underwriters, Glens Falls, Aetna, and Germania Fire Insurance Companies. He also operates extensively in Real Estate, and many of the most desirable properties are listed for sale at his agency. Mr. Fisher is the oldest Notary in the city, having held commissions from twelve consecutive Governors, beginning with Governor Morton, in 1865.

His offices are located at 128 West Wayne Street.

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F. H. Bohne & Brother

In making note of the various leading retail establishments of Fort Wayne, special attention should be called to the metropolitan stores of F. H. Bohne & Bro., which are located at 824 and 1412 Calhoun Street. Since its beginning in 1899, this firm has met with marked success, and its trade covers all parts of the city and a number of surrounding cities.

A large and exclusive stock of Men's Furnishing Goods is constantly carried. Merchandise of only the most dependable character and patterns "up to the minute" may be found in the various departments, these stores catering to that class of trade in search of the very best at prices that are right. The exclusive agency for the celebrated Knox Hats is located here.

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George A. Houser & Company

This is one of the oldest and best known enterprises in Fort Wayne. It was established in 1870 by Mr. Daniel Shordon, Mr. George A. Houser becoming a partner six years later. Mr. Shordon retired in 1907, and the present members of the firm comprise George A. and Amelia E. Houser.

These people are extensive retail dealers in Farm Machinery, Wagons, Buggies, Harness, Seeds, Engines, Threshing Machinery, etc., in fact everything used in farming. The business extends all over Allen County, and employment is given constantly to from five to eight people. This company has a unique plan of demonstrating farm machinery in operation on the floors of its salesrooms at 218–220 East Columbia Street. On this account the place is often referred to as "The County Fair."

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Committees That Helped Make the Elks' State Convention a Success

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H. A. Wiebke
M. C. Niezer
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W. P. Walsh

Entertainment Committee

F. E. Bougher
M. C. Niezer
Nate Beadell

Float Committee

H. A. Hattersley
R. S. Viberg
B. E. Hattersley
J. M. Kuhns
W. C. Rastetter
G. D. Piepenbrink
W. P. Walsh
L. A. Worch
L. C. Delagrange

Badge Committee

R. S. Viberg
Nate Beadell
W. F. Ranke
M. C. Niezer
J. H. Hobrock
H. C. Hollenbeck
L. A. Worch
C. D. Tillo
C. L. Biederwolf

Railroad Committee

C. D. Tillo
J. H. Hobrock
W. P. Walsh

Decoration Committee

W. C. Schwier
R. S. Viberg
W. P. Walsh
H. A. Hattersley

Uniform Committee

A. W. Jaxtheimer
F. A. Berghoff
Jos. Freiberger
Sid. Hubbard
J. J. Dormer

General Reception Committee

Executive Committee assisted by all members of Fort Wayne Lodge.

Finance Committee

F. E. Bougher
H. C. Hollenbeck
H. J. Taylor

Illumination Committee

H. A. Hattersley
Herman Strodel
Clem Fox
H. J. Taylor
J. J. Dormer

Advertising, Press and Program Committee

R. S. Viberg
Nate Beadell
M. C. Niezer
W. F. Ranke
J. H. Hobrock
H. C. Hollenbeck
C. D. Tillo
L. A. Worch
C. L. Biederwolf

Hotel Committee

J. J. Dormer
W. F. Ranke
M. C. Niezer
L. C. Delagrange
C. L. Biederwolf

Music Committee

F. J. Reineke
H. J. Taylor
J. H. Hobrock
Clem Fox
G. C. A. Ortlieb

Parade Committee

W. F. Ranke, Grand Marshall, and Assistants

Ladies Reception Committee

Mrs. F. E. Bougher
Mrs. H. A. Hattersley
Mrs. Nate Beadell
Mrs. G. C. A. Ortlieb
Mrs. J. J. Dormer
Mrs. A. C. Alter
Mrs. Clem Fox
Mrs. W. P. Walsh
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Mrs. C. L. Biederwolf
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The Packard Company

Thirty-eight years of close application to the study of the construction of musical instruments have resulted in the Packard Piano. The Packard Company was organized in 1871, and at once began the manufacture of the Packard organ. This instrument has become a household word the world over and is today one of the few high-class reed organs, suitable for the home, lodge and church, still being manufactured and sold on its merits, a purely artistic instrument.

Isaac T. Packard, the first superintendent of the factory, was a mechanical genius of rare ability. On him was conferred the honor of using his name as a trade-mark to be placed on all instruments made by the company.

On this page appears a view of the Packard plant, which is classed among the most completely equipped institutions of its kind in the country. Employment is given to 350 people, and the products are shipped to every part of the continent.

The company also conducts a retail business here in Fort Wayne at 930 Calhoun Street, where may be found attractively displayed its several types of instruments. A cordial welcome is extended the Elks and their friends to visit this house during the state conclave.

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Al. Hazzard Cigar Factory

Mr. Al. Hazzard, whose place is located at 209 West Main Street, has been in the wholesale and retail cigar business since 1893. He conducts a model factory, employing forty expert working people, the products being among the most popular on the market. The "Univoco," "Gold Seal" and "A Novel" are the leading brands.

Over 250 square feet of floor space is occupied by the factory, and the trade territory covers a radius of about sixty miles.

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The Ferdinand Meier Iron Works

The Ferdinand Meier Structural Iron and Steel Works, which is located at 445-505 Wallace Street, was established in 1888. The plant covers a floor space of 8,000 square feet and employment is given to from fourteen to twenty workmen. The output goes to all parts of the United States, and we know of no enterprise more deserving of a prominent place in this review. The total annual sales amount to approximately $50,000.00.

Mr. Meier is sole proprietor of this institution, and is also President of the Fort Wayne Builders' Supply Company and the Fort Wayne Brick Company, both of which latter concerns are also important factors in the industrial makeup of our city.

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Heit-Miller-Lau Company

This business was originally established by Mr. Louis Fox in 1876, and purchased by the present company in 1902 from the National Biscuit Company. The product consists of high-grade confectionery, and both a manufacturing and wholesale business is conducted.

The plant is considered one of the most up-to-date of its kind in the State. A total floor space of 45,000 square feet is utilized, and employment given to about one hundred people.

Through strict attention to the quality and absolute purity of the product, this company has been able to double the business done by the National Biscuit Company at time of purchase, the present trade territory extending to all parts of Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.

The officers are as follows: A. W. Heit, President; J. J. Heit, Vice-President; J. F. Miller, Secretary; and Thomas Lau, Treasurer.

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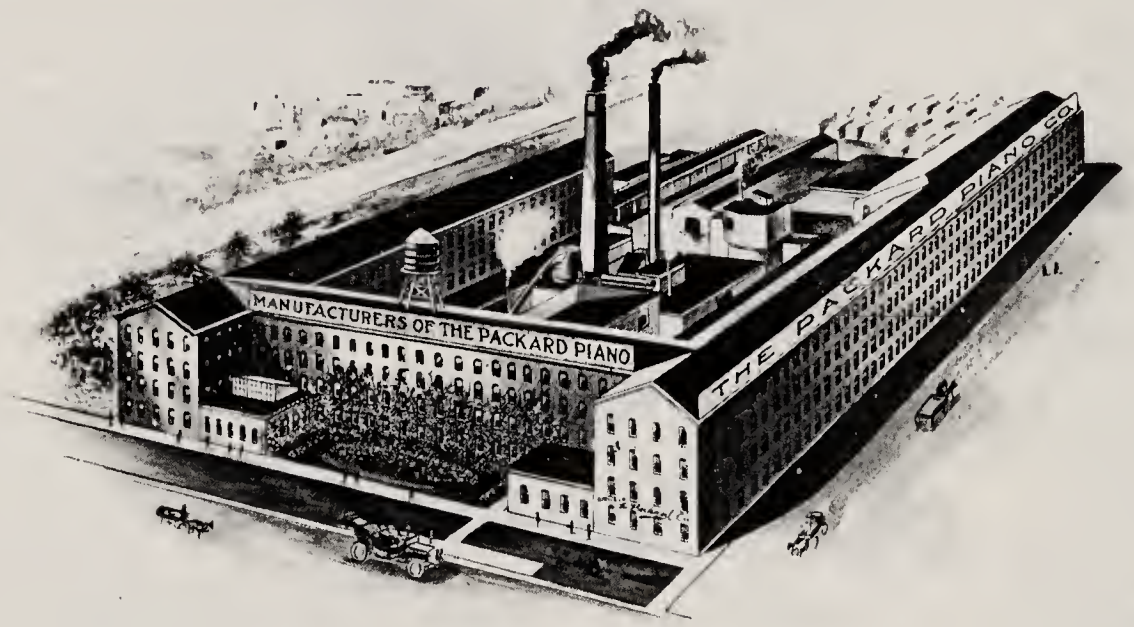
The Engineering Company

Established in 1907, this company has forged steadily ahead until it stands today as one of the leading manufacturers of Fort Wayne. The products consist of structural and ornamental steel, condensing machinery, and a general line of iron and steel contracting business is conducted. Ninety-five workmen are employed, and the trade territory covers many parts of the United States and Canada. The floor space of the plant covers an area of 90,600 square feet and the total annual sales at the present time amount to nearly $125,000.00.

The condensing machines this company is building are used by all leading manufacturers of condensed milk.



PLANT OF THE PACKARD COMPANY

PLANT OF THE DEISTER CONCENTRATOR COMPANY
Manufacturers of Deister Concentrating and Slime Tables

Vogely Wagon Works

The plant of A. Vogely, devoted to the manufacture of Carriages and Wagons, is located at 1228–1230 Maumee Avenue. It occupies 7,500 square feet of floor space, and is considered one of the best equipped plants of its kind in this section of the State. Mr. Vogely has been in this business since 1869, and enjoys an extensive patronage in this city and throughout Allen County.

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Empire Cigar Box Company

One of the industries of Fort Wayne deserving special mention is the plant of the Empire Cigar Box Company, which was established in 1878. Employment is given twelve to fourteen workmen, and the products are sold over a radius of one hundred miles surrounding this city. The management is under the direction of Mr. John F. Rabus, and Mr. Fred E. Rabus acts as Secretary.

The plant is equipped throughout with modern appliances, and a total floor space of about 6,000 square feet is utilized.

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Lenz Bros. Bottling Works

The Lenz Bros. Bottling Works, manufacturers of carbonated mineral water of every variety, are located at the corner of Smith and Thayer Streets. The plant is modernly equipped throughout, and is considered a model one of its kind. Its products are handled through both retail and wholesale channels, and the institution is classed among the largest in its line in this city.

The firm comprises William F. and Louis Lenz, both of whom have been in the soft drink manufacturing business, in one capacity or another for many years, and are familiar with every detail.

It has been in existence since 1902, and gives employment to four experienced people.

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Old Fort Ice Cream Company

The Old Fort Ice Cream Company, established January 12, 1909, is a strictly Fort Wayne enterprise, being owned and operated by people who have been born and raised here. The company has uniformly pursued a policy of "a square deal to one and all," which may be considered largely as the basis of its success.

Its trade territory covers a radius of one hundred miles around Fort Wayne, and its annual sales at present amount to about $30,000.00. 5,000 square feet of floor space is occupied in the plant and thirty people employed.

Mr. T. W. Young is the President; Charles Grosvenor, Vice-President; Albert O. Nichter, Secretary and Treasurer; and Clifford Clark, Manager.

Our Postal Receipts In 1910 Were $298,183.22

Fort Wayne Testing Laboratory Company

This company began business in 1908. The laboratory does testing on a commercial basis, and a number of foundries and factories which are run by analysis have contracts by the year to have their analytical work done here. Not only is chemical testing done, but the company also makes physical tests of iron, steel, brass, cement, bricks etc. The work mostly called for is testing of iron, steel, coal, coke, cement, fertilizers, water for boiler and drinking purposes, milk, babbit metals, solder, alloys, ores, gas, etc. The departments are: Industrial and Technical, Chemistry, Mining and Mine Engineering, Food and Drug Analysis, Toxicology, Bacteriology and Pathology. The plant occupies eight large rooms and is considered the best equipped laboratory in the west. Estimates on work by the contract plan are cheerfully furnished on application.

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Gerding & Aumann Bros.

This firm is engaged in the manufacture of galvanized iron cornices, in addition to being extensive retailers of hardware, stoves, paints, etc. A specialty is also made of slate, tin, tile roofing and steel ceiling.

This enterprise was established in 1887, and during its twenty-four years existence it has been building up a most enviable trade. At present it employs sixteen workmen.

The office and plant are located at 437 Wallace Street.

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C. Tresselt & Sons

(Proprietors of the "City Mills")

This business was established as early as 1843. The mills were then operated by water-power from the old Wabash & Erie Canal, which was in front of the place, on the ground now occupied by the Nickel Plate R. R. The originators of this plant were the well known old settlers Allen Hamilton and Jesse L. Williams; then the firm changed to Williams & Hoagland, and later on to Hoagland & Tresselt, and in 1884 it was changed to C. Tresselt & Sons. The old mill is now a modern mill, having all new machinery of the most recent pattern. The well known brands of flour, "Silver Dollar" and "Hungarian Process," constitute the output and are for sale by all local dealers. The mills also enjoy quite an extensive export trade under the brand of "Queen Patent." The members of the firm consist of the old pioneer miller Christian Tresselt and his three sons, Oscar W., Herman C. and Fred T. Tresselt.

THE CITY MILLS

Van Arnam Manufacturing Company

The Van Arnam Manufacturing Company might be termed one of our younger industries, it having been organized in 1900. From the very start, this concern aimed to produce a line of Plumbign Supplies that would have merit such that would win for themselves a lasting reputation for first-class goods.

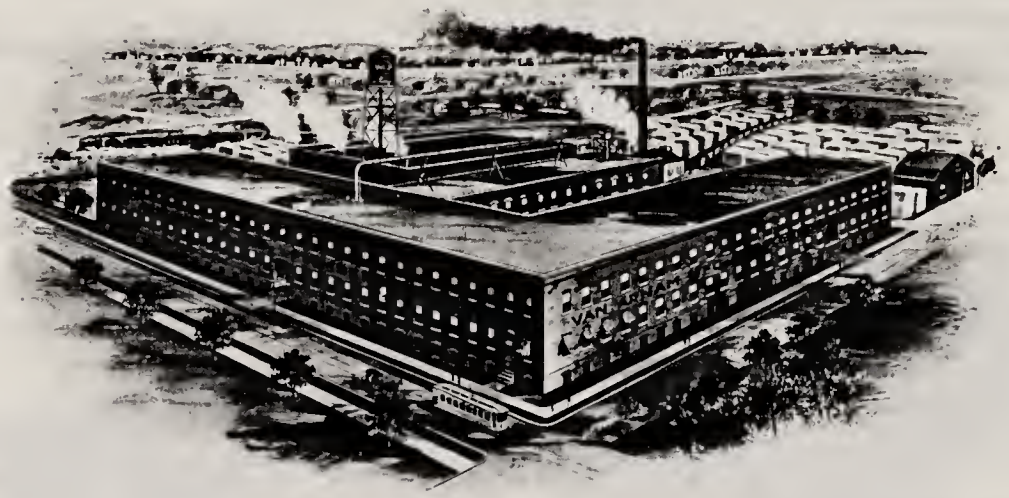
They realized that while some plumbers and builders would always insist upon buying the cheapest articles that could be obtained, yet that a majority of people when building a home, hotel, or office building would prefer to have good Closet Combinations instead of poor ones, that will give lasting satisfaction rather than those that will be noisy and always give trouble.

This concern, therefore, made it a rule that all their Closet Tanks should be carefully inspected and tested under water pressure and that the Seats must be the strongest that can be made. For their own protection as well as a guarantee to the trade, they instituted their own trade mark with which they mark all their goods.

The trade is looked after from the home office with branch offices at New York City and San Francisco from which points territories are reached covering the whole country.

The "Van Ar Co." trade mark is recognized throughout the plumbing trade as representing only first class goods. The trade motto "NONE BETTER MADE" as applied to this line means what it says.

George H. Van Arnam is President and General Manager, and Elmer E. Parker is Secretary. A number of the leading business men of the city are stockholders in this successful manufacturing institution.



WORKS OF VAN ARNAM MANUFACTURING COMPANY

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Consumers' Ice Company

This is one of our important enterprises, having been in existence since 1901. The company prides itself on its efficient service and on the quality of its goods. Its aim at all times has been to please and satisfy patrons in every reasonable way, which may be considered as the basis of its success. A large up-to-date plant is maintained for producing artificial ice, which is put on the market through both wholesale and retail channels. The trade territory covers all parts of Allen County, and employment is given to fifty competent workmen.

The officers are made up as follows: F. M. Fauvre, President; C. N. Dobson, Secretary and Treasurer; R. J. Spencer, Vice-President; and C. M. Johnson, Manager.

This company also deals in coal, which is one of the important departments of the business. The total annual sales of both ice and coal amount to approximately $90,000.00.

The offices and yards are located at Jackson Street and the Nickel Plate Railroad.

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Fort Wayne Auto Motor Company

This is one of the young enterprises of our city, having been established but one year ago, but it shows indications of becoming one of the leading industries of Fort Wayne. Its product consists of Unit Power Plant for Automobiles.

The officers of the corporation comprise H. P. Scherer, President; A. J. Vesey, First Vice-President; G. G. Bowersox, second Vice-President; D. B. Douglass, Secretary; and G. H. Loesch, Treasurer, all of whom are men of experience in manufacturing lines.

The "Unit Power Plant," an auto-motor adapted to either pleasure or commercial cars, is pronounced by experts to be one of the best engines in simplicity and power now on the market.

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Fort Wayne Vulcanizing Works

This firm was established in September, 1908, by Mr. Richard Kaough and Mr. Frank Gahagan. As the name indicates, this enterprise is devoted to making Tire Repairs, the plant being one of the best equipped for this purpose in northern Indiana. In addition to its repair business, it is distributing agent for the famous "Firestone" Tires and Demountable Rims, and a complete line of Auto Accessories.

The trade territory of this enterprise covers northwestern Indiana, and employment is given to three people. Last year's total sales amounted to $40,000.

It is located at 215 West Main Street. Free Air is supplied at the curb for the use of motorists.

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D. S. Eckert Cigar Factory

What has become familiarly known as the Famous "39" Cigar Factory was established in 1869 by John P. Eckert. Mr. D. S. Eckert has had active charge of the plant since the death of his father in 1895.

The "Salvo," "39" and "Eckert American Beauty" are products of this factory and are too well known to need comment. Employment is given to fifteen expert cigar makers.

These goods may be had in all leading Cigar Stores and wherever Cigars are sold in this locality. "Smokers who know" recommend the above named brands.

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It's Done Right When Louis J. Brunner Does It

To be a fresco artist and interior decorator with a reputation that extends over Northern Indiana is a distinction held by Louis J. Brunner, of this city, whose artistic skill is evidenced in many important jobs in Fort Wayne and other cities. Mr. Brunner has turned out several big contracts in this city, among which is that of the High School, Emanuel Lutheran Church, Bethel Evangelical Church, the Church of the Redeemer. Also a number of the public schools and hundreds of jobs of lesser importance. His handiwork is also seen in the embellishment of such beautiful churches as those at Logansport, Tipton, Lafayette and Mishawaka. Many of the finest stores in Fort Wayne attest to his artistic creations. Besides being an artist of some note Mr. Brunner is a jolly good Elk as well as a jolly good fellow all around, and is bound to please his customer all over before he turns over his work. His office is at 1229 Swinney avenue and his phone number is 6823. When it comes to anything in his line don't fail to have Louis give you estimates and designs.

He Drinks Best Who Drinks

CENTLIVRE BEER

A GENUINE ELKS' DRINK

Nickel Plate Special

and

Ft. Wayne Export Beer

C. L. CENTLIVRE BREWING COMPANY

PLANT OF EMRICH BAKING COMPANY

Emrich Baking Company

This enterprise was established about twenty years ago, and its products are well known in this locality. Its specialty is New England Bread, which is offered in sanitary wrappers, clean and wholesome, and unexcelled in quality.

This is considered one of Fort Wayne's exceptionally busy places, and we predict for it a continuance of the growth which the business has enjoyed in the past.

There appears above a view of the company's plant, which is located at 1247 Maumee Avenue.

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C. T. Pidgeon Millinery Company

The wholesale millinery house named above was established in 1886. It has become a familiar name in all parts of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan, over which territory it enjoys an extensive trade.

Eight traveling salesmen represent the company on the road, and twenty-five people are regularly employed in the house. During the busy season, about three months in the Spring and Fall, approximately one hundred girls additional are employed to assist in the manufacturing department.

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Architectural Supply Company

This is a strictly Fort Wayne enterprise, and one that fills an important place in the city's industrial makeup. The company is an extensive manufacturer and importer of Interior and Exterior Ornaments in plaster, cement and compositions.

It was established in 1906, and at the present has a trade territory extending throughout the western states and Canada. Many of the leading hotels, theatres and public buildings in the territory covered have been handsomely decorated by this company.

The management is under the personal direction of Mr. H. R. Lang, who is a man of recognized ability in his line. The office and plant are located at 420 High Street.

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The A. C. Aurentz Confectionery

The confectionery establishment of A. C. Aurentz began business twenty-one years ago. Shipments of the products go to New York, and even from California individual orders are mailed. Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia and all the other large candy centers are also points to which Aurentz' Confections are sent by mail or express.

The retail store in Fort Wayne is located at 826 Calhoun Street, the factory is at 910 Calhoun Street. Employment is given to fourteen people.

E. Gilmartin & Sons

The well-known lumber concern of E. Gilmartin & Sons was established in 1890, since which time it has built up a business amounting to $200,000.00 annually. A specialty is made here of Interior House Finishing Lumber, particular attention being paid to architects' details and specifications. A large stock of Shingles, Sash, Doors, Fence Posts and Hardwoods is also carried. From 35 to 40 people are given regular employment.

The members of the firm comprise Edward Gilmartin, Sr., Edward T., Jr., M. J. and Frank J. Gilmartin.

The offices and yards are located at the corner of Barr and Holman Streets.

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P. G. Kuttner

This review would be incomplete if special mention were not made of the Custom Shirt manufacturing establishment of P. G. Kuttner, which is located at 1028 Calhoun Street. Mr. Kuttner's trade territory extends from New York to California, and many merchants have been regular patrons for over twenty years.

In addition to his custom-made shirt department, a complete line of men's furnishing goods is also carried. The building occupied covers 2,400 square feet of floor space, and employment is given to eight people.

This enterprise has been in existence since 1889.

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Fort Wayne Art Glass Company

The above named enterprise has been in business since 1903, and is located at 317 East Columbia Street. It does a wholesale and retail business in Art Glass, Plate Glass, Church Windows and Mirrors. A floor space of 7,500 square feet is occupied, and employment given to eighteen people. The trade territory extends throughout Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Illinois, and the approximate annual sales amount to $30,000.00.

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Fort Wayne Dairy Company

This company does an annual business of $250,000.00, its trade territory covering this city and a radius of one hundred miles.

It was established in 1908 with Charles McCulloch as its President, and William Klitke, Secretary and Treasurer. The products consist of milk, butter and ice cream, and employment is given to fifty people. Over 10,000 square feet of floor space is occupied by the Fort Wayne plant, and a branch operated in Hammond, Indiana.

Since starting business this company has given the farmers in surrounding territory one of the best markets for milk and cream, as it pays the highest prices in this section of the country for these farm products. Any one desiring further information, same may be secured by applying to the company's offices either in person or writing.

FORT WAYNE DAIRY COMPANY
FORT WAYNE DAIRY COMPANY
PASTEURIZED MILK CREAM & BUTTER
PASTEURIZED MILK CREAM AND BUTTER
ICE CREAM

VIEW OF FORT WAYNE DAIRY COMPANY

Lincoln Life Insurance Company

The Lincoln Life is the only life insurance company in Northeastern Indiana. It was organized a little over five years ago, and has grown steadily in size and strength until it now occupies a commanding position among the vigorous young life insurance companies of the West. Its great financial strength, its excellent Home Office and agency organization, and its record for fair dealing with policyholders and prompt payment of death claims justifies the Company's slogan, "Its name indicates its character."

The Company has assets of over half a million dollars, and a surplus to policyholders of almost half that amount. It operates under the best life insurance law in the world, viz:—The Legal Reserve Compulsory Deposit Law. This law requires that the company shall deposit with the State of Indiana the cash value of every policy it has on its books. The result of the proper operation of this law is to secure every policyholder by a deposit with the State in much the same way that every National Bank Note is protected by a deposit with the United States government.

The officers of the Company are all well-known successful business men of Fort Wayne, and are as follows:

Samuel M. Foster, President; B. Paul Mossman and Frank K. Safford, Vice-Presidents; Arthur F. Hall, Secretary and Manager; Howell C. Rockhill, Treasurer; Calvin H. English, Medical Director.

The Lincoln Life is one of the clean-cut progressive Western Companies and bids fair to become Fort Wayne's greatest financial institution within a few years.

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J. C. Peltier & Son

The undertaking establishment of J. C. Peltier & Son, which is located at 117 West Wayne Street, is one of the oldest concerns in our city. Mr. Louis Peltier, the founder of the business and father of J. C. Peltier, the present head of the firm, commenced his career as undertaker and cabinet maker in 1828. Mr. J. C. Peltier, being reared in the business, can hardly remember when he was not in some way interested in it, even as far back as sixty-three years ago. He left the business for about two years, returning to it in 1873. At that time, he began studying up improved methods in this line with the result that he later became known over the entire country through some of his inventions.

This firm has always been held in high esteem by the entire community, and wishes at this time to thank its many friends for favors extended in the past.

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C. B. Fitch

The general insurance business of C. B. Fitch, whose offices are located at 213 Shoaff Building, was established in 1892. Every line of insurance is handled here, including Life, Fire, Rent, Manufacturers' Liability, General Liability, Elevator Liability, Plate Glass, Steam Boiler, Tornado, Use and Occupancy, Burglary, Theft, Sprinkler Leakage and Surety Bonds. The offices cover a floor space of 600 square feet, and employment is given to five people.

Mr. Fitch was appointed General Agent of the National Life Insurance Company of Montpelier, Vt., for northeastern Indiana early in 1892. In 1894 he took on fire insurance and other lines developing the business gradually until now all forms of insurance are represented.

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Banner Laundering Company

This company was established in 1896, and operates one of the most modern equipped laundry plants in the State, including a soft water plant and vacuum rug cleaning machine. The plant occupies 6,680 square feet of floor space, and employment is given to fifty-one people.

A general laundering business is conducted, including bundle work, family work, hotel work, etc. The trade has shown a steady increase every year from the beginning, which in itself is the strongest

Fort Wayne Cement Stone Company

Manufacturers and dealers in Builders' Supplies and Ornamental Stone Work, etc.

Building Block, Roofing Tile, Fence Posts, Burial Vaults, Grave Markers, Lawn Decorations, Advertising Specialties and Novelties.

Interior and Exterior Decorations in Plaster or Cement.

Cement Testing Laboratory in connection with works.

Broadway and Wabash R. R.

Telephone No. 6050

recommendation that can be made for the service rendered. No effort or legitimate expense is spared at this place to turn out high grade work, and we feel that the company is justly entitled to the patronage, confidence and good will of the entire public.

This company five years ago constructed the building which it occupies at 425–431 Columbia Street. It has seven wagons which deliver and collect laundry in all parts of the city, and also conducts a branch office at 1134 Calhoun Street.

The firm comprises O. C. Leggett, A. V. Leggett and A. T. Bailey, who is manager, each of whom is well known in local commercial circles.

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John M. E. Riedel

Mr. J. M. E. Riedel has been an architect for twenty-two years. During this time his work has been identified with many of the leading buildings of this city and northern Indiana, among which might be mentioned the new Centlivre Hotel, reinforced concrete construction; Wayne Hotel; Mariotte Building, on East Main Street; Foellinger Building, on Calhoun Street; Alt Heidelberg; Lyric Theatre; Concordia College, and numerous others.

The following residences are also on his list: Dr. Duemling, on the corner of Webster Street and Creighton Avenue; P. Nussbaum on Spy Run Avenue; J. F. Meyer, on Fairfield Avenue; H. F. Beverforden, corner DeWald and Clinton Streets; and Oscar Tresselt, fireproof, on New Haven Avenue, etc. He has also been the architect of more than sixty churches and many schools in all parts of the United States, as well as a large number of business blocks in northern Indiana.

Mr. Riedel's offices are located 23–26 Schmitz Block, corner Calhoun and Washington Streets.

WHOLESALE

Mossman, Yarnelle & Company

Established in 1881. From a small beginning just thirty years ago this enterprise has developed into one of the most important wholesale and manufacturing establishments in northern Indiana. It does an extensive wholesale business in heavy hardware, and its manufactured products consist of buggy and auto bows. Everything in the line of iron and steel, carriage and automobile hardware, trimmings, cloth, leather, etc., is handled, and the trade territory extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Great Lakes on the north to the Gulf. Employment is given to forty-five people.

The officers are made up as follows: President, E. F. Yarnelle; Vice-President, B. Paul Mossman; Secretary, E. R. Yarnelle; Treasurer, W. A. Diffenderfer, all of whom are well known in this section.

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Moellering Brothers & Millard

This is one of our well established wholesale houses, having been in business since 1876. The line handled consists of Groceries, Coffees, Teas, Spices, Cigars and Tobacco, Pipes, Smokers' Articles, etc., the output from this house going to all points within a radius of seventy-five to one hundred miles of Fort Wayne. The office, salesroom and shipping room, are located at 110–112 West Columbia Street, and the warehouse is at 1301–1305 Lafayette Street.

HOME OF FORT WAYNE DRUG COMPANY

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The George DeWald Company

The George DeWald Company, wholesale dealers in Dry Goods, Notions and Haberdashery, was founded in 1839 by R. W. and J. W. Townley, who were succeeded in 1858 by Townley, DeWald, Bond & Company. This latter firm was succeeded in 1868 by George DeWald & Company, which in turn was succeeded in 1900 by The George DeWald Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Indiana.

The trade territory of this concern covers Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois, and employment is given to thirty people. The annual sales amount to approximately $1,000,000.00.

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Wayne Tobacco Company

Although but scarcely three years old, this company has built up an annual business amounting to approximately $300,000. It is conducted entirely as a wholesale establishment, and is the only enterprise of its kind in the state, north of Indianapolis, that carries a complete line in stock. It has been very successful, which may be attributed to good management, co-operation of its employes and honest and fair dealing with the public.

This business was established by Mr. Al. H. Buuck in June, 1908, and incorporated in October of the following year. It was reorganized March 1, 1910 and the following officers elected: F. E. Bougher, President; Al. H. Buuck, General Manager and Treasurer and Clem A. Fox, Secretary.

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Distillers Direct Supply Store

This place began business October 1, 1908, and at present enjoys a large patronage covering a radius of two hundred miles around Fort Wayne. A large and well selected stock of liquors is carried, and the business is conducted on both a wholesale and retail basis. The stock occupies 10,000 square feet of space and employment is given to five people. The approximate annual sales amount to $50,000.00. The members of the firm consist of A. B. Jackson and A. C. Heckler, both of whom are men of high standing commercially.

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Clark Fruit Company

Among the wholesale enterprises of Fort Wayne, there is none holding a more prominent place than that of the Clark Fruit Company, 201–203 East Columbia Street. This business was established in 1882 by the Pottlitzer Fruit Company, succeeded some years later by the present company.

Eighteen people are employed, and this is considered one of the busiest points in our city. Large arrivals and shipments of fruit and vegetables take place here daily, the company having a clientage over a territory of fifty miles surrounding Fort Wayne. Its supplies are received direct from Growers and Shipping Associations in nearly every state in the Union. A branch house is maintained at Huntington, Indiana, and the total annual sales of the company amount to nearly $350,000.00.

The officers, each of whom gives his entire attention to the business, are as follows: President and Manager, Fred S. Piowaty; Secretary and Treasurer, Ralph Clark; Vice-President, Abe Minsky.

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Freese & Gale

The wholesale liquor firm of Freese & Gale, which is located at 228 East Main Street, has been in continuous business since 1890. All brands of wines and liquors, both imported and domestic, are carried here, and there is no more reliable place of its kind in our city.

Employment is given to eight people, and an annual business is conducted amounting to upwards of $125,000.00. The trade territory covers all parts of Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.

The members of the firm comprise August Freese and Charles Gale, both of whom are too well and favorably known to need comment.

Mr. Otto Strodel, who for many years conducted the "Nimrod" Sample Room, will in the future be associated with the wholesale business of the company above named.

Wm. Busching Supply Company

The Wm. Busching Supply Company, which is located at 401–415 Clinton Street, is one of the leading enterprises of our city dealing in builders' supplies. Both a wholesale and retail business is conducted, and employment is given to quite a force of workmen. Anything in the line of Lime, Cement, Sewer Pipe, Lath, Crushed Stone, Plaster, Fire Brick, etc., may at all times be found here, and prompt deliveries are assured on all orders large or small.

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Haffner's Star Bakery

The enterprise named above was established in 1868 by Mr Christian Haffner. At the present time it is a partnership, the members of the firm being Mrs. Mary Haffner and George M. Haffner.

This plant turns out a full line of bakery goods, operating both a bread and cake department. It is the city's headquarters for "Best Rye Bread," "Malt Bread," "Haffner's 10c Potato Loaf" and "Tip-Top Bread."

Six delivery wagons are kept busy making deliveries to all parts of the city, and extensive shipments are also made to surrounding towns. The bakery covers 8,000 square feet of floor space, and the stables have 3,600 square feet. There are thirty employes.

HAFFNER'S STAR BAKERY

This bakery for twenty years has been located at 333–335 East Lewis Street, prior to which it was located for twenty years at the corner of Berry and Harrison Streets. The present plant is up-to-date in every respect, having three ovens and all new bread and cake machinery. It has a daily capacity of eight thousand loaves of bread.

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U. C. Burlager

An enterprise entitled to special mention at this time, and one whose products have met with great favor in this locality, is the cigar factory of U. C. Burlager, which is located at 1304 Maumee Avenue. It was established in 1906, since which time a business has been built up covering a large portion of Allen County.

Mr. Burlager is a member of the Fort Wayne Lodge of Elks, and has always shown an active interest in any of the projects undertaken by our organization.

"Ollie's Ten Cent Straight" cigar is a product of this firm, and visiting Elks while in the city, if in doubt as to a good cigar, will make no mistake in calling for this brand. It is on sale at the Elks Temple, and can also be had at all first-class dealers.

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Isaac Wile & Company

The wholesale and retail liquor concern of Isaac Wile & Company was established in 1882, and during its almost thirty years of existence it has built up a most enviable reputation throughout its trade territory. Its wholesale business extends over Ohio, Indiana and Michigan.

Its retail department is an important one, this being carried on largely through mail order channels. No traveling salesmen are sent out to solicit retail orders, thus the company is in a position to give patrons the highest grade goods at money saving prices.

Mr. Charles Young is the sole proprietor of this enterprise.

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The S. Chaska Company

Established in 1888. This company does a large wholesale business in Notions, Men's, Women's and Children's Furnishing Goods, its trade territory extending over Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. It is located at 610–612 Harrison Srteet, next to the Interurban Station, offering great convenience to out-of-town customers.

This house carries a large and well assorted stock in its line, and the business has shown a steady increase each year.

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Old Fort Distilling Company

This company is engaged in the wholesale liquor business, and has been in existence since 1904. Its trade territory covers a large part of Indiana, Ohio and Illinois, and its total sales last year amounted to approximately $85,000.00. It carries a large stock of imported and domestic wines and liquors, utilizing almost 50,000 square feet of floor space.

The headquarters of this company are at 213 East Main Street.

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The Altschul Company

The original firm of the Altschul Company was established in 1885, and consolidated with Meyers & Grupe in April 1908. Since this consolidation, the business has grown to be one of the best known of its kind in the State, if not in the entire middle west. This reputation has been gained by fair and square dealing, aggressive upright methods, and above all the thorough knowledge of the inside and outside workings of all details connected with the business. Everything in the line of fruits and produce in season is carried here, which is sold entirely through wholesale channels. The total annual business amounts to about a quarter million dollars.

This enterprise is located at 108 West Columbia Street and 107 Dock Street.

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Keller & Braun

This enterprise has been in existence at 426–512 Pearl Street for about forty-five years. The firm is comprised of Mr. Henry Keller and Mr. Charles G. Braun, the former having been connected with the business for twenty-seven years, and the latter twenty years. The products consist of Cut Stone for buildings, sold in both a wholesale and retail way.

The plant covers an area of 30,600 square feet, and thirty working people are employed.

This firm ships its output throughout Indiana, Michigan and all other states east to the Atlantic coast. The annual sales amount to about $42,000.00.

The Rurode Dry Goods Company

Over fifty years ago the "New York Store" was started by Macdougal, Root & Company, at 90 East Columbia Street. Successful from the start the business soon out-grew its small quarters and was removed in 1874 to its present location, where, under the name of Root & Company, it continued until the death of Mr. Root in 1897, when the business was reorganized under the name of the Rurode Dry Goods Company, Mr. Rurode having been connected with the firm from the time it first opened half a century ago.

FIRST FLOOR OF THE RURODE STORE

This is one of Fort Wayne's largest and best known mercantile establishments, and counts many friends in Northern Indiana.

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Nearly Half a Century

The Foster Furniture and Carpet Company of Fort Wayne, Lafayette and Terre Haute, is nearing the half century mark since the starting of its Indiana business in 1868. The success with which it holds its customers is illustrated by the following: An Allen County lady bought her wedding outfit of them in 1868. In 1888, 20 years thereafter, they sold her daughter her wedding outfit. In 1909, 21 years later, they sold the daughter's daughter her wedding outfit. Three generations served—the "Big Store" is reaping the honors of having entered the "Foxey Grandpa" list. And it is just "Foxey" enough not to let any of its competitors of the business world get any start upon it. It still leads the procession.

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Besse Jewlery Company

The retail establishment named above has been in business since 1906. It is centrally located at 910 Calhoun Street, where everything may be found in the line of Watches, Diamonds, Clocks, Silverware, China, Cut Glass and Optical Goods. This store has become recognized as one of the leading places of its kind in this city, and its patrons are made up of many of our most descriminating buyers.

The company was recently reorganized, the following comprising its present officers: Frank Besse, President; Frank J. Walsh, Vice-President and S. J. Walsh, Secretary and Treasurer. Employment is given to five people.

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Seavey Hardware Company

Our readers are all familiar with the slogan, "If it's a good thing, Seavey's have it," which appears in all the advertising matter of this well known enterprise. Since the date of its inception in 1881, this store has made an honest endeavor to comply with this motto in every sense of the word. Everything is carried here in the line of Hardware, Stoves, Kitchen Furnishings, Fishing Tackle, etc., and it enjoys an extensive patronage covering a radius of seventy-five miles around Fort Wayne. A ladies' Hardware Department is maintained, where every hardware convenience may at all times be found.

In its manufacturing department, sheet metal goods, cornices, skylights, heaters and blast pipe are produced

This establishment is located at 119–121 West Main Street, and employment given to thirty nine people.

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The Seelberg Store

The resume of the leading retail establishment of Fort Wayne would indeed be incomplete if reference were not made to the Seelberg Store, located at 126 East Berry Street. The management is under the direction of Isidor Seelberg, assisted by his two sons Edmond and Maurice, the latter being an Elk, also a Mason. This store deals in ladies wearing apparel, and it has become recognized as headquarters in this line. It occupies a three-story building, two floors of which are devoted to sales rooms. A total floor space of 8,400 square feet is utilized. Twenty-one courteous and experienced clerks are employed, the store enjoys a patronage from every part of the city and numerous surrounding towns.

OHIO
ELECTRIC RY.
"THE WAY TO GO"

Viberg & McMaken

The implement house of Viberg & McMaken, which is located at 214–216 East Columbia Street, was established in 1894 by Geo H. Viberg. In 1908, Mr. William G. McMaken came into the firm, which was formerly known as Viberg & Co., and since that time it has been conducted under the name of Viberg & McMaken. Both members of the firm have had years of experience in the Agricultural Implement business, and this experience has enabled them to secure the sale of the leading brands of farm machinery, gasoline engines and vehicles. They have introduced into this county the method of plowing with gasoline traction engines, which formerly was in use only in the West. They handle a complete line of agricultural machinery, gasoline engines, gasoline traction engines for plowing and threshing, wagons and buggies, automobiles and auto buggies, farm lighting plants, farm water systems and agricultural implement repairs. Firms represented: International Harvester Company, John Deere Plow Company, Superior Drill Company, Empire Cream Separator Company and the J. B. Colt Acetylene Gas Machine Company.

Everything that is new and strictly dependable in their line can be found at this store, and their guarantee is absolute on everything they sell. 12,000 square feet of floor space is utilized in their display department, and employment is given to from four to eight people. A branch is conducted at Huntertown, Indiana.

Connected with this firm is the MARION AUTO COMPANY, distributors for the Marion Automobiles in this section of the state, who have been located with Viberg & McMaken since the beginning of the present season. They are handling a complete line of pleasure cars, the prices of which range from $1150.00 to $1750.00. These people, who have cars on display at all times at the above address, would be pleased to demonstrate the merits of same to any one interested.

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E. H. Rolf Coal & Supply Company

This company is an extensive retail dealer in Anthracite, Best Grades of Soft Coal, Steam Coal, Sewer Pipe, Cement and Flue Lining. It has excellent facilities for handling these products and caters especially to domestic trade and supplying coal for heating purposes. A complete line of sewer pipe and builders' supplies of every description is also carried.

The office and yards are located at 1702–1710 Fairfield Avenue. It has been in business for about seven years, and gives employment to ten people.

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The Boston Store

This store has been in operation on Calhoun Street for the past twenty years, and enjoys the patronage of a large percentage of our best people. Everything is carried here that may be found in any first-class dry goods establishment, and customers may always be assured of fair and honorable treatment. Twenty-five clerks are employed.

The store is owned by William Hahn & Company, the members of which firm give the store their personal supervision.

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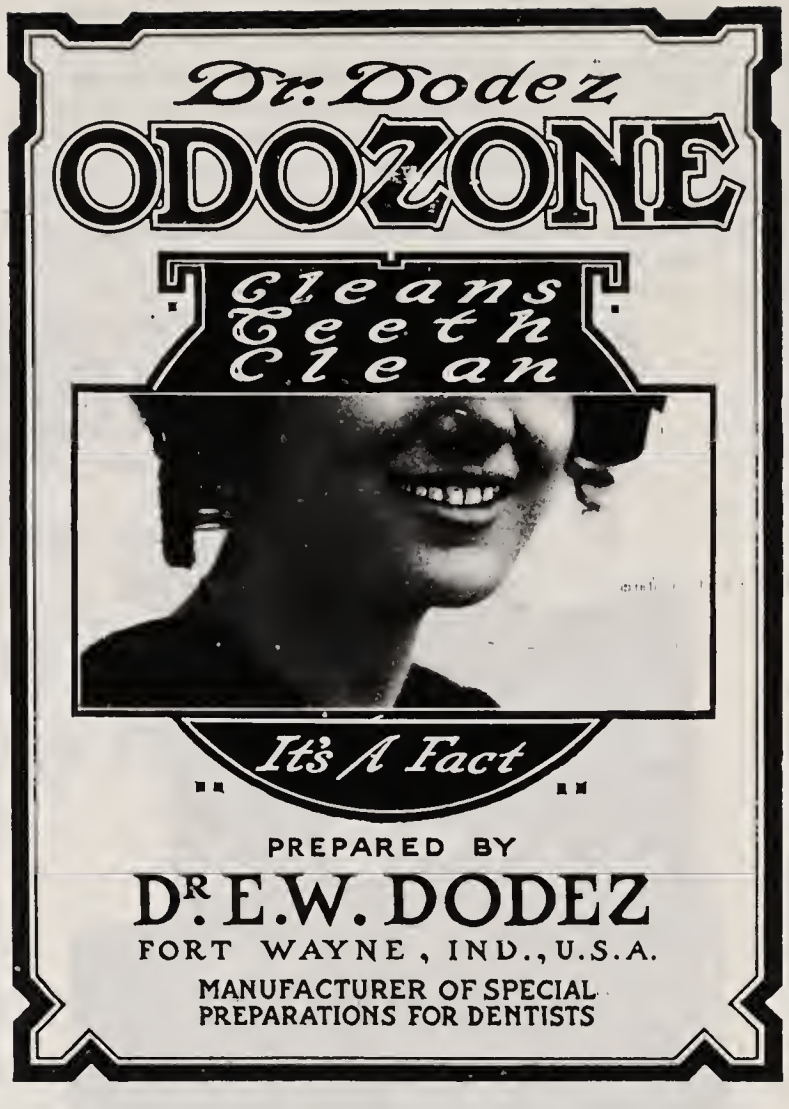
K. J. Bauer's Drug Store

The retail drug enterprise named above has been in existence for nine years, and has become familiarly known as "The Prescription Drug Store of Bloomingdale."

A complete and well selected stock of Drugs and Druggists' Sundries is carried here, and patrons may at all times be assured of reliable and efficient service. It also conducts a strictly up-to-date soda fountain, and all leading brands of cigars may be found on sale.

The management is in the hands of Joseph Sigl, who gives the business his entire attention. Mr. Sigl is well versed in everything pertaining to this line, and has a wide acquaintance throughout the city. This store is located at 1425 Wells Street.



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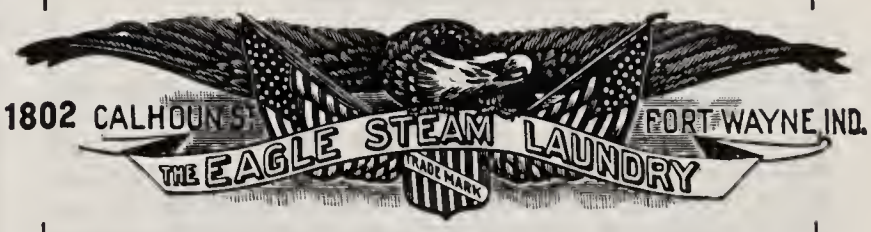

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Firm Has Had Vast Growth

The Indiana Furniture Company is one of the markedly successful Fort Wayne business institutions, and the remarkable growth and success of the enterprise of Messrs. Graeter and Reul can hardly be better illustrated than by comparing the present floor space capacity to that in which they began business in Fort Wayne in 1889—more than twenty years ago. The building in which they began business in Fort Wayne was located at 127 Calhoun Street, and it had a floor space of 600 square feet. In 1892 they

INDIANA FURNITURE STORE

rented a new building with a floor space of 6,000 square feet. In 1893 it was found necessary to enlarge it to 13,500 square feet. In 1894 there was another growth to 19,500 square feet. Two years later came an increase to 28,100 square feet, while the new building, with 47,000 square feet and the store rooms occupied, will give the Indiana Company a total of 75,000 square feet, for its business.

Both Mr. Graeter and Mr. Reul are well known and active spirits in the Fort Wayne business world, and each has been equipped for the direction of a vast business by long and careful training. Their success has been a splendid illustration of the growth from a small beginning to a great business, the conduct of which is characterized by intelligence, energy and integrity.

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L. C. Delagrange

Mr. L. C. Delagrange has been in the general building and contracting business in Fort Wayne since 1904, during which time he has had charge of many of the principal buildings of this city and surrounding towns. Among these may be mentioned the High School at Larwill, Indiana, constructed at a cost of $23,000.00; School House at Wheelersburg, Ohio, at a cost of $17,000.00; the Minuet Building of this city, at a cost of $20,000.00; Kappel Building on Main Street, at a cost of $19,000.00; St. Patrick's Lyceum, at a cost of $45,000.00, and many others. He is in a position to furnish estimates in his line on short notice, and respectfully solicits inquiries from any who may be interested in building during the present season. His headquarters are at 42 Lawton Place.

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A. Hattersley & Sons

This is one of the oldest firms of Fort Wayne, and one whose name has always stood for reliability and straightforward methods. It has been engaged in the plumbing business since 1855, and its work has been installed into a large percentage of Fort Wayne's buildings. A specialty is made of the installation of steam, hot water heating, electric wiring, mantels, grates, gas and electric fixtures. The offices are located at 208–210–212 East Main Street, and employment is given to fifty skilled workmen.

The firm is made up of Alfred, Willis, Bryon E. and Harry A. Hattersley.

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Federspiel & Shorey

The firm of Federspiel & Shorey, familiarly known as "The Insurance Men," carries on a general insurance business, covering Allen County and representing more than twenty of the largest companies. It has the most extensive agency in Fort Wayne, and every class of insurance is written.

The members of the firm comprise Frank J. Federspiel and I. H. Shorey. The offices are located at 628 Calhoun Street, and the business has been in operation since 1885.

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Maumee Valley Coal Company

This business had its beginning in April, 1905, since which time it has had a steady and healthly growth. The office and yards are located at Coombs Street and the Nickel Plate Railroad, where a large stock of anthracite and bituminous coal is constantly carried.

From five to eight people are employed, and its annual sales amount to approximately $50,000.00. The officers comprise the following: Wm. Barth, President; R. Staak, Treasurer; F. Kreibaum, Vice-President; and Conrad Bauss, Secretary and Manager.

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C. H. Waltemath & Son

The growth of the southeastern portion of Fort Wayne during the past decade has been most marked, but directly apace with this has been the development of the enterprise of C. H. Waltemath & Son. This store was established in 1878, and from a small beginning it has reached an annual business of from $55,000.00 to $60,000.00. Employment is given to eight people.

Everything may be found here in the line of Dry Goods, Groceries, Bakery Goods, Flour, Feed, etc. It is located at 1731–1733–1735 Lafayette Street.

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Karn Brothers' Meat Market

This is one of the very busy enterprises of our city, and is well known to most of our readers. The firm has been in business for the past twenty years, during which time it has built up a trade extending to all parts of the city. Its goods are sold through both wholesale and retail channels, and employment is given to eight people. It is located at 1118 Calhoun Street.

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This is one of the exceptionally attractive clothing stores of our city, and one that enjoys a large local patronage. A well selected stock of Clothing, Hats and Men's Furnishings is constantly carried, and medium and better grades only being handled. The store is handsomely furnished and well lighted, affording every advantage to patrons. It began business in 1903, at 722 Calhoun Street, where it is at present located.

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Frank Dry Goods Company

This business was established thirty years ago, and is perhaps one of the best known retail establishments in this section. The special features of the business embrace Dress Goods, Cloaks, Suits and Waists, these departments being perhaps larger than those of any enterprise in northern Indiana. Everything in the line of ladies' wear is carried here.

The officers of the company comprise Mr. M. Frank, President; and Mr. Theodore Frank, Secretary and Treasurer.

This store has the agency for McCall Patterns.

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Heiny's Grocery Stores

The well known Heiny's grocery located at 1241 Wells Street, was established November 13, 1898, by Mr. Nicholas Heiny. On June 1, 1905, Mr. Nicholas Heiny turned over the entire business to his son Mr. Lawrence E. Heiny who at present is the sole owner. On February 15, 1909, a branch store was opened at 1418–1420 Calhoun Street.

The trade territory of these two stores covers this city and entire County, and at the present time employment is given to thirty people, the total annual sales amounting to approximately $200,000.00.

The elder Mr. Heiny is now 69 years of age, and was affiliated with the grocery business in this city for forty-five years. He started as a clerk for Mr. Challinger, who years ago conducted a grocery store on Barr Street. He then entered the employ of A. B. Trentman & Son as a helper and rose successively to shipping clerk, to stockman and then later became head salesman and buyer for A. B. Trentman, the successor. He was with the same firm for twenty-seven years. In 1898, he bought the stock and business at 1241 Wells Street, which he conducted until 1905, when he retired in favor of his son Lawrence.

Business is operated here on a strictly cash basis, advertising all the time, and these stores are conceded to be among the most wide-awake establishments in this district. In buying, it is the policy of the management to give preference at all times to home jobbers, commission houses and farmers' produce, consistently "boosting" for Fort Wayne. Goods unobtainable here are bought from the big markets of Chicago and New York, the buying power from the two stores enabling him to retail at exceptionally low prices.

Mr. Heiny is a strong advocate of the City Sealer, Weight and Measure Ordinance, at present time merchandising all grocery bulk goods by weight. He is a member of the Grocers' Association, Retail Merchants' Association and the Fort Wayne Commercial Club.

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Walk-Over Boot Shop

There is no one in the country that is not familiar with the name of the Walk-Over Shoe, it being on sale in every important commercial center in the Union. There is also a store carrying the latest styles in this brand of shoe in Suva, Fiji Islands.

The Walk-Over factories employ 5,000 people, and the weekly pay roll amounts to $68,000.00. Some idea may be gained of the magnitude of their output by the fact that the hides of 1,000 cattle are used each day. The silk thread used in a year making the Walk-Over shoes would extend 12,000 miles, and if the shoes manufactured in a year were placed heel to toe would reach across the Atlantic Ocean.

The Walk-Over Boot Shop of Fort Wayne was established in August, 1906, since which time a large and enviable patronage has been built up. The officers consist of Charles E. Petot, President, and C. A. Stentz, Secretary and Treasurer, both of whom are well known in local commercial circles.

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Frank J. Parrot

The retail meat market of Frank J. Parrot, which is located at 224 East Main Street, was established about twenty years ago. An exceedingly large patronage has been built up, and four meat cutters, two sausage makers and three delivery men are employed. Everything in the line of fresh, salt and smoked meats is carried here, and it has earned the reputation of being a most desirable place at which to deal. Both a retail and wholesale business is conducted.

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Fox Brothers Company

The large furniture enterprise of Fox Brothers & Company was established in 1897. An extensive stock of furniture, carpets, stoves, china ware, wall paper and house furnishings of every description is carried throughout the various departments, and this store has become recognized as being one of our most reliable shopping centers.

A total of 60,000 square feet of flour space is utilized and the annual sales amount to approximately $200,000.00. Employment is given to thirty-five people.

There is a seven-room cottage furnished completely on the third floor, to give ideas to prospective customers. It comprises parlor, living room, den, dining room, two bed rooms and kitchen. This store is located at the corner of Calhoun and Washington Sts.

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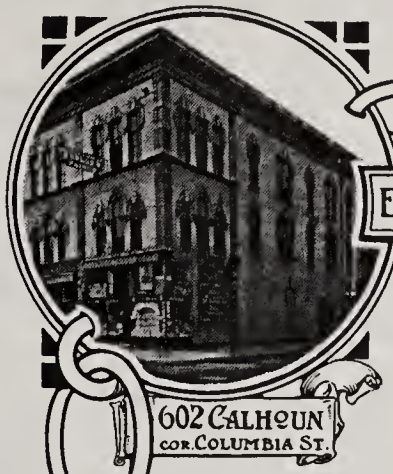

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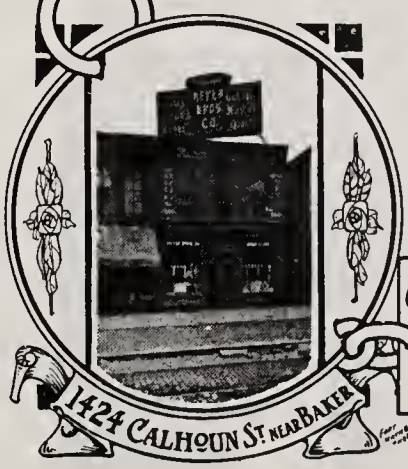

Meyer Brothers Co
FOUR DRUG STORES

Thieme Tailoring Company

This company was established in 1889, and as its name indicates is conducting a merchant tailoring business. A large and well assorted stock of foreign and domestic woolens is constantly carried, and only the best workmen employed. Those in search of anything in this line will make no mistake by calling on this company at 118 West Berry Street.

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Troy Laundry and Dry Cleaning Works

This enterprise began business in 1876 with three employes, at the same location now occupied, 308–314 Pearl Street. The present plant covers a floor space of 12,575 square feet and gives employment to seventy people. Every modern device known to the industry has been added to the equipment from time to time, and the plant stands today as one of the most complete and up-to-date of its kind in the country.

The business is operated under the firm name of the F. L. Jones Company, under whose ownership and management it has been conducted from the beginning. No change whatever has been made in the membership of the firm, excepting that the senior partner's interest was purchased by the other members sometime ago on account of age incapacitating the elder member.

These works do a general laundry business and also operate a dry cleaning and pressing department.

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Fort Wayne Machine Company

The Fort Wayne Machine Company, which is located at 1035 Calhoun Street, had its beginning in 1905. It started in the phonograph business at 929 Calhoun Street, but soon added a stock of bicycle and auto supplies which necessitated a larger and more convenient room. The present location was then secured, and a stock of motorcycles of the leading makes was included. This is practically the only store of its kind in Fort Wayne.

The total sales of this company in 1910 amounted to approximately $25,000.00, and the business is rapidly increasing each year.

The officers are made up as follows: S. Z. Davis, President and General Manager; M. Davis, Secretary and Treasurer, Ed. Mangan, Vice-President, who have expressed a desire to thank the people of Fort Wayne and vicinity at this time for the support and patronage which they have extended the business.

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Fairy Family Theatre

This theatre is located at 1110 Calhoun Street, and has been in operation for seven years. During this time its seating capacity has been increased from 106 to 260, which in itself is an endorsement for the attractions offered.

Mr. J. E. Mollet, who is well known in theatrical circles, is the proprietor. He is the pioneer of motion picture theatres in this city. The house named above has always been conducted in an up-to-date manner, and ladies and children are extended every courtesy.

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Mahurin & Mahurin

The firm of Mahurin & Mahurin, architects, was established in 1907. It specializes in public and commercial buildings, and during its four years existence has made the plans for many of the most important structures in the city. Among these might be mentioned the following Court Houses: Monroe County, Bloomington, Indiana; Laporte County, Michigan City, Indiana; and DeKalb County, Auburn, Indiana. Also the wholesale warehouse of G. E. Bursley & Company, of this city, as well as the Scottish Rite Cathedral, one of the most costly and complete edifices of its kind in the world. Many other large buildings, including churches, schools, etc., as well as some of the finest residences in the state, are also on their list.

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Patterson-Fletcher Company

Established in 1895 as a strictly high-class clothing house, this company holds a leading position among the foremost retail concerns of our city. It is the home of the finest ready-to-wear clothing made in the world, including the "Kuppenheimer," "Hirsh Wickwire" and "Hart, Schaffner & Marx" brands. A specialty is also made of Wilson Bros. and Manhattan shirts, and the Stetson and Trimble hats.

A floor space of 15,640 square feet is occupied, and the fittings throughout are up-to-date in every respect. Good light and roomy aisles are a feature of the store, and no expense has been spared to make it one of the most model clothing and men's furnishing emporiums in this section.

The business of this company has increased over one hundred per cent in the last six years, and the total amount of its annual sales compare favorably with the largest concerns of its kind in the state. Its trade territory extends over the northern half of Indiana, southern Michigan and northwestern Ohio.

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American Dry Cleaning & Dyeing Company

This company began business on January 1, 1909, since which time it has built up an extremely large patronage throughout Fort Wayne and surrounding towns. Branches are maintained at Ridgeville, Angola, Auburn, Garrett, Peru and LaGrange, Indiana.

Recently the company installed in its plant the Bowser Complete Dry Cleaning System, giving it one of the most complete and fire proof establishments west of New York City. A floor space of 720 square feet is occupied, and employment given to from eight to twelve people according to season.

The members of the firm comprise O. A. and Carl R. Thomas, both of whom are well versed in this branch of industry. Patrons may at all times be assured of prompt and efficient service here at moderate prices.

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Wm. L. Hilbish

The plumbing establishment of Wm. L. Hilbish was established in 1906. Mr. Hilbish is in a position to render the highest grade service in Plumbing, Heating, Wiring, etc., and his work has been specified in a number of our most modern buildings. Fixtures of the most approved types may be had here at money-saving prices. Repair work at all times is given prompt attention, and a specialty is made of water motor repairing.

This enterprise is located at 2112 South Calhoun Street, where 1,200 square feet of floor space is utilized. Employment is given to three expert workmen.

Thomas Snook

Mr. Thomas Snook has been in the general contracting business for seventeen years, during which time he has had charge of some of the most prominent buildings in this section. Among these might be mentioned the Scottish Rite Cathedral, a view of which appears in this booklet, and the residences of Paul Mossman and Charles Wilding. He has been the contractor also of a large number of other public buildings and private residences, many of them being among the finest to be found anywhere. His office is located at 502 West Jefferson Street.

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The Motor Transfer Company

This company started business in 1908, and is at present giving employment to forty six competent people. It operates a first class taxicab service and furnishes the best coaches for all occasions and a specialty is made of weddings and funerals. Ambulance service is also furnished.

The headquarters of this company are located at 114–118 East Wayne Street.

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Monroe W. Fitch & Sons

The view given below is the home office of Monroe W. Fitch & Sons general insurance, real estate, loan and rental agency, established in 1898.

The advertising slogan of this firm is "We not only sell the earth but insure everything on it," and few people realize the extent to which this business has grown.

In addition to the large city and suburban real estate business, they deal extensively in farm property in northeastern Indiana, northwestern Ohio, Michigan, North Dakota, Minnesota, southern and eastern lands.

Every class of insurance is handled, many of the large old and well established companies being represented. They not only handle many large lines of fire insurance but have the general agency for northeastern Indiana of the Maryland Casualty Company of Baltimore, Md., writing all classes of casualty insurance, and it might be added that they are becoming known as one of the largest liability or casualty insurance agencies in Northern Indiana.

They also have the general agency covering a large territory for the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company of Boston, Mass., and have to their credit the largest policies written in the state by this company.

The members of this firm are Monroe W., Eugene M. and Delmer C. Fitch, and it has been said that the cause for its phenomenal growth is good management and hard work, they having a manager at the head of each department and each manager having several able assistants.

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FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

The Wellington Cafe

This has become a familiar name in Fort Wayne. The history of the Wellington Cafe dates back to 1901, since which time it has built up an exceptionally large and desirable patronage. Mr. John B. Welten, the proprietor, is a practical man in his line and gives every detail his personal supervision. To give the best the market affords at reasonable prices has been the uniform policy of Mr. Welten, and this may be considered to a great extent as the basis of his success.

This cafe is centrally located at 821 Calhoun Street. A total floor space of 1,200 square feet is occupied, and employment given to ten people. Tables covered with faultless linen and provided with the best of silver are furnished for the accommodation of those taking regular meals, while those desiring a quick lunch can have same at an attractive lunch counter.

Mr. Welten is an enthusiastic Elk, and visiting members and their friends while in the city during the coming State Reunion will make no mistake by calling at his place.

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Gaiety Theatre

This popular house was established in 1908, and from the beginning has been under the ownership of Mr. J. O. Bommerscheim. It has become known as one of the best moving picture theatres in Fort Wayne, and the character of its attractions is evidenced by its exceptionally large daily attendance. Its seating capacity of two hundred is taxed at every preformance, which is the strongest endorsement that can be given to any house. It presents its patrons with the cleanest pictures in the state of the approved kind.

This theatre, which is centrally located at 1033 Calhoun Street, is equipped and furnished throughout with a view of comfort and safety for its patrons. It has special exits, and is thoroughly protected from fire. Most courteous attention is accorded at all times to unescorted ladies and children.

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Neireiter & Gumpper

A review of the commercial interests of Fort Wayne would indeed be incomplete if mention were not made of the insurance agency of Neireiter & Gumpper, located at 3-4 Schmitz Block. This firm was established in 1880, since which time it has built up a most extensive business throughout this section of the state.

The following well known companies are represented: Concordia Fire Insurance Company, Germania Fire Insurance Company, Rochester-German Insurance Company, National Union Fire Insurance Company, Insurance Company of Illinois, Williamsburg City Fire Insurance Company and the Alliance Insurance Company.

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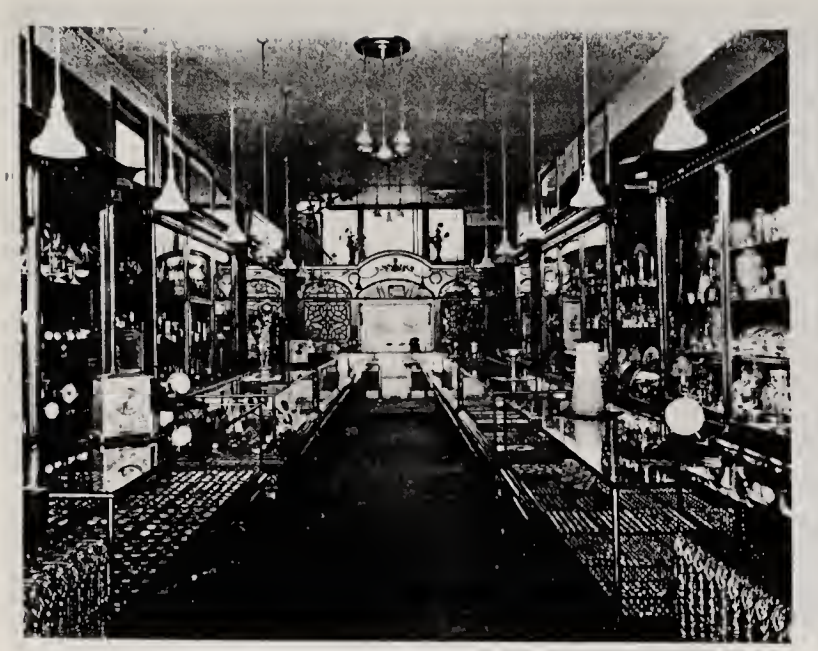
Oliver S. Jones

Mr. Oliver S. Jones has been in the Contracting, Painting and Decorating business since 1897. His work covers a territory of 150 miles surrounding Fort Wayne, and he has finished nearly all of the good buildings in this city, both public and private, among which might be mentioned the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Elks Temple, People's Trust Company, Shoaff Building, Bloomingdale School, John Smart School, Country Club, High School at Peru, Indiana, and many others. He also maintains a finishing department in his shop, where old and new may be finished alike. There is nothing too old to be made like new at this place. A large percentage of all painting in the city has also been done through this shop.

Four thousand square feet of floor space is occupied by this place, and from twenty to forty expert workmen employed. Last year's business amounted to approximately $40,000.00. It is located at 120 East Leith Street.



TRENKLEY & KOERBER JEWELERY STORE

Trenkley & Koerber

This business was established in 1865 by Trenkley & Scherzinger, and continued under this firm name until 1901 when it became Trenkley & Koerber. A specialty is made here of high-grade jewelry, and the stock of diamonds, watches and silverware carried is perhaps the largest in this city. All diamond mounting is done on the premises, which insures care in workmanship and safety in the handling of their patrons' diamonds. The firm is made up of E. G. Trenkley and Robert Koerber.

Since the date of its inception the growth of the business has been parallel with that of the city, and we predict for it many years of uninterrupted success. The store, an interior view of which appears above, is conveniently located at 816 Calhoun Street.

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Lanternier, Florist

Fort Wayne can boast of no more creditable enterprise in the florist line than that of Mr. A. J. Lanternier, whose greenhouses are located at 1701–1729 Walton Avenue and 1824–1832 Maumee Avenue. Mr. Lanternier gives the business his personal supervision and every description of plants and cut flowers may be secured from his place at all times. The business was established in 1890, since which time a most desirable trade has been built up from both in and outside of the city. Fifty thousand square feet of space is used, and the approximate annual sales of products amount to almost $18,000.00.

This business has increased to such an extent during the last two or three years that it has been necessary to employ more thoroughly experienced help and more glass space, which in itself is an assurance of the uniformly satisfactory service rendered patrons. At the present time fifteen people are employed.

A down town store is located at 1203 Calhoun Street, where all orders, whether given by person or telephone, receive prompt attention.

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Geo. Jacobs Music House

This firm, comprising Geo. Jacobs & Son, was established in 1890. It carries in stock a large number of pianos and player pianos of well known makes and is in a position to offer patrons the very best in the line at reasonable prices. This business has shown a steady growth from the beginning, and at present its trade territory extends all over northern Indiana.

This house is being extensively remodeled and will, when completed, be the most modern and handsome music house in the state. It is located at 1021 Calhoun Street.

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The Temple

This is one of the most popular play houses in this section of the state, being devoted exclusively to high-class vaudeville. Mr. Frank E. Stouder, Manager is affiliated with the Western Vaudeville Managers Association, with headquarters at the Majestic Theatre, Chicago, the Orpheum Circuit and the United Booking Offices of America.

The attractions offered have always been of such a character as to appeal to the better class of people, and the seating capacity is taxed daily. Popular prices prevail here, and matinees are given each day. This house also lays claim to one of the finest orchestras in the state, which is under the direction of Mr. Edwin Dieey.

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Fort Wayne Outfitters Company

Established March 23, 1901. This is one of the largest retail furniture houses in this section of the State, being connected with a syndicate of stores throughout the United States. A complete line of household goods, including furniture, carpets, stoves, draperies and crockery may always be found at this place, and business is done on either a cash or easy payment plan. A total floor space of approximately 15,000 square feet is utilized, in addition to the extra warehouse consisting of five stories and basement. Employment is given twenty people and the annual sales amount to from $175,000.00 to $200,000.00.

The officers are: Bennett Hollenstein, President; Daniel D. Hollenstein, Vice President; I. M. Hollenstein, Secretary, Treasurer and General Manager.

This store is located at 129 East Berry Street and 724–728 Clinton Street.

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Mulqueen Dancing Academy

A city of the size of Fort Wayne necessarily makes room for a refined academy such as named in above heading. This enterprise was started on Calhoun Street sixteen years ago with limited floor space, but later found it necessary to enlarge to its present and commodious quarters in the Minuet Building. The floor now covers a space of 10,000 square feet.

Mr. George F. Trier, the proprietor and manager, is a state officer of the oldest dancing organization in America, National Association Masters of Dancing, devoted to the teaching of proper ball room dances.

This is an exclusively high-class place, and caters only to the better element of people.

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In referring to the various enterprises in our midst which we feel can be consistently recommended to the patronage of our readers, we have no hesitancy in calling special attention to the place above mentioned. Mr. Weismantel operates a three-chair shop, and patrons may always be assured of good service and courteous treatment.

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Central and Wayne Grocery Stores

The Central and Wayne Grocery Stores are well known in this community, the former having been located at 119 West Wayne Street for the past ten years. The Wayne Grocery was established at 930 Broadway about a year ago.

Mr. I. Freiburger, the sole proprietor of these two stores, is well versed in every branch of the business and counts many staunch friends among his patrons. His two enterprises have earned the reputation of being strictly up-to-date, and the trade territory extends to every part of this city and surrounding towns.

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Weinand Sanitary Lunch

The place named in the above heading was opened a little over one year ago at 711 Court Street, since which time it has met with unprecedented success. It was predicted by some at the start that this place would be a failure, but there has not been a time when the capacity of the place has not been taxed to the utmost. The very best on the market at moderate prices may be had here at all times.

The management is under the personal supervision of Mr. C. R. Watson, Jr., sole owner. Over 4,000 square feet of floor space is untilized, and employment given to thirteen people.

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J. H. Krauhs

This shoe store may be classed among our younger enterprises but it is conducting a very extensive business. A large and complete stock of shoes and rubbers is carried, and Mr. Krauhs has earned a most enviable reputation for his store for the superiority of the goods handled and the uniformly equitable treatment accorded his patrons.

This store is located at 1316 Broadway, and has been in existence since January 1, 1907.

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Edward F. Schoch

The Dry Cleaning, Repairing and Pressing establishment of Edward F. Schoch is one of the extremely busy places in our city, and one entitled to prominent mention. This business was started April 2, 1907, and its patrons extend to all parts of the city and a number of surrounding towns. None but the most competent workmen are employed, and the success with which this place has met is a strong testimonial for the character of work produced.

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The dry goods establishment referred to in above heading is scarcely a year old, but during this time it has taken a prominent place among the retail enterprises of this city. Anything and everything that may be found in any first-class dry goods house is carried.

This is a strictly home enterprise, being owned and conducted entirely by Fort Wayne capital. Its trade territory covers all parts of the city and extends to nearby towns. It has made a place for itself in the esteem of shoppers who are quick to recognize the personal interest which the head of the firm exhibits in all that concerns his customers. This store is located at 904 Calhoun Street.

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Cooney Bayer Cigar Company

In the matter of cigars, Fort Wayne is second to no city in the country. Every cigar factory is keenly alive to the fact that the best way to hold a smoker's patronage is by furnishing high-grade goods. In this respect our city has set the pace for the entire state.

The Cooney Bayer Cigar Company, which occupies its own building at the corner of Barr and Wayne Streets, was established in 1891. It has built up a patronage covering Fort Wayne and a radius of from seventy to one hundred miles. "Cooney's Little Havana," "Lady Wayne" and "LaRienta," the first named being a 5c product and the last two 10c, have become household words with discriminating smokers in this locality.

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The G. B. Grimme Tailoring Establishment

This business was originally established in 1871 by Mr. J. H Grimme, who was sueceeded by his son, Mr. G. B. Grimme, in 1897. It is one of the especially well known enterprises on Calhoun Street, and for many years has enjoyed the constant patronage of a large number of Fort Wayne's best dressed people. Mr. Grimme has always catered to that class of trade wanting the best in material and workmanship at reasonable prices. A large and complete stock of Suitings, Overcoatings and Trouserings is carried at all times, and only all-wool materials in foreign and domestic goods are handled. This enterprise is located at 918 Calhoun Street.

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Riegel Cigar Store

The metropolitan cigar store of Mr. Al. Riegel is centrally located at the corner of Calhoun and Main Streets, and is too well and favorably known in this city to require more than brief mention. This store was established by Mr. Riegel six years ago and through an effort to at all times give the public the very best in his line, he has built up a most desirable patronage.

All well known brands of Cigars, Tobaccos and Smokers' articles may be found here.

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P. B. Arnold Company

This company is engaged in the sale of Electric Supplies, and during the seven years of its existence a large patronage has been built up over northern Indiana. It is the sole Fort Wayne agent for the Invincible Elcetric Renovator Company Vacuum Cleaners, which are meeting with great favor wherever introduced. The company is prepared to make demonstrations of these Cleaners on premises. Its offices are at 211 East Main street.

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The A. Deitschel Grocery

The grocery and meat market of A. Deitschel has been in business since 1903. The firm is made up of Peter Deitschel, H. Deitschel and L. Deitschel, all of whom are well informed in this line and enjoy an enviable reputation for honorable dealing. This store is located at 1027 Third Street.

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The counties for which this Company has the agency are Allen, Adams, Wells, Jay, Whitley, Huntington and Blackford in Indiana, and Mercer and Van Wert in Ohio. Sub-agencies are located in all these counties, and an office is also operated in New York City which sells in several States.

Since entering the automobile business this company has forged rapidly to the front, not alone because of the energy and push of the firm members but also because of the general excellence of the Auburn Car.

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Fort Wayne Delicatessen Company

The Wayne Delicatessen Company was organized June 7, 1903, the members of the firm comprising W. A. Fuhrman and A. Fuhrman.

The business consists of wholesaling fancy groceries, and the trade territory extends throughout Indiana and Ohio. Five people are employed, and 6,000 square feet of floor space occupied. The annual sales amount to $50,000.00.

This concern is rather unique in that it packs fish and cheese and handles a line that wholesale grocers do not generally pay any attention to. It caters mainly to the hotel, fancy restaurant and cafe trade.

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John H. Welch & Sons

This company was established in 1871 by Mr. John H. Welch, and incorporated January 1, 1900. It conducts a strictly up-to-date hardware store at 1913–1915–1917 South Calhoun Street, where everything in this line is carried including Glass, Paints and Varnishes. It also manufactures Slate, Tin and Asphalt Roofing, Galvanized Cornices etc., which are marketed throughout Allen county and vicinity.

A total floor space of 12,200 square feet is occupied, and from twenty-four to thirty mechanics employed. The annual sales amount to from $50,000.00 to $60,000.00.

The officers include John H. Welch, President and Manager; John O. Welch, Vice-President; and Charles E. Welch, Secretary and Treasurer.

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Albert Tomkinson

The plumbing, gas, steam and hot-water fitting business of Mr. Albert Tomkinson has been in existence since 1898. That the service rendered by this enterprise has been of an exceptionally reliable character is evidenced by its large and constantly increasing patronage. Employment is given to from seven to ten competent people, and the trade territory extends throughout northeastern Indiana. Mr. Tomkinson features the "Our Own Boiler," manufactured by the Novelty Iron Company, Canton, Ohio.

This concern is located at 1029 Calhoun Street. Telephones: Store 205, Residence 625.

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Frank J. Voirol

The retail jewelry house of Frank J. Voirol was established thirty-one years ago. It is one of our well established enterprises, and one which has earned a most enviable reputation for reliability.

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The firm of Griffith & Fair, architects, has been in business six years. During this time they have made plans for school buildings all over northern Indiana, including the new James H. Smart and Bloomingdale Schools in this city, and the Central High School at Peru, Indiana. They make a specialty of school and public buildings.

Each member of the firm is specially trained in this particular line of work, and they maintain well equipped offices in the Bass Block on Calhoun Street, over the Tri-State Loan & Trust Company.

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Stogdill & Son

The retail jewelery establishment of Stogdill & Son, which is located at 203 West Berry Street, is worthy of more than passing mention in this review. It was established in 1891, since which time it has built up a large and desirable patronage among discriminating buyers.

Everything in the jewelery line may at all times be found here. The store at present is also offering something speeial in Genuine Hand Painted Plates at very low prices.

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Hardung Tailoring Establishment

This is one of the progressive and up-to-date tailoring establishments of our city, and one which we have no hesitaney in recommending to our readers.

It was originally established by Mr. Fred Hardung, who later, on account of failing health, turned the business over to his son, Mr. Carl J. Hardung, the present proprietor. The latter has been connected with the establishment for the past sixteen years and is well versed in every branch of the business.

Any one in the market for clothes made-to-order, made according to the most approved methods and at reasonable prices, will make no mistake in calling at this place. It is located at the corner of Main and Clinton Streets where five tailors are employed.

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This company, although established but two years ago, has built up a most desirable local patronage. It operates two attractive cigar stores, one at 832 and the other at 1034 Calhoun Street, where the best grades of cigars, cigarettes, pipes and smokers' articles, including magazines and candies, are constantly carried.

This firm operates a premium system, giving a coupon for every 5c purchase. These premiums include many valuable and useful articles which are kept on display. An invitation is extended to all our readers to visit these stores and see the premiums.

The firm is comprised of Louis, Sr., Oscar, Leo and Louis, Jr., Schirmeyer.

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Lyric Theatre

This is considered one of the best equipped moving picture houses in the West, affording every convenience of the first-class theatre to its patrons. It has a seating capacity of 810, and is strictly fire proof throughout. The matter of ventilation has been given special attention, and without exception it is the best ventilated house in Fort Wayne.

In addition to the motion pictures, the daily program includes a spotlight singer and one high-class vaudeville act.

This house is owned by the Fort Wayne Lyric Theatre Company, of which F. E. Stouder is President; B. H. Barnet, Secretary and Treasurer; and Sprague Green, Manager.

The doors are open from 1:00 to 10:30 P. M. every day in the year.

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Coverdale & Archer Company

Among the progressive retail enterprises of our city, we wish to mention the Coverdale & Archer Company, located at 630–632 Harrison Street and 208 Main Street.

Everything in the line of Groceries, Meats, Fruit, Poultry, etc., may be found here. Their long experience in buying enables the company to furnish patrons with the best at the lowest possible prices, while its extensive farmer trade also enables it to supply city customers with the best country butter and fresh eggs at all times.

The officers are: A. S. Coverdale, President; Perry J. Archer, Vice-President; and Jacob A. Hetrick, Secretary and Treasurer.

Employment is given to fifteen people, and the approximate annual sales amount to $120,000.00. The meat market is in charge of Mr. Herman Strodel.

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Welker's Specialty Store

This store has been located at 928 Calhoun Street for the past fifteen years, and enjoys a wide patronage throughout this locality and surrounding towns. It is devoted to ladies' ready-to-wear garments, including everything in this line.

The motto at this place has always been: "Correct merchandise, dependable in every way, and prices always consistent with quality," which has made it one of the most popular places in this city for discriminating buyers.

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Columbia Candy Kitchen

The Columbia Candy Kitchen, which has become familiarly known in Fort Wayne as "The Home of Sweets," is one of our particularly well conducted establishments, and one which we feel fully merits its large patronage. It is centrally located at 1002 Calhoun Street, and is the recognized headquarters for all kinds of confectionery and ice-cream. Its goods are bought in sufficient quantity to make the price and command the quality. Its up-to-date soda fountain is also one of the features of the place.

Mr. George Pantazin is the proprietor, and the business is given his personal management. His specialty is Extra Fine Chocolates, Home Made Candies and Pure Ice Cream.

Employment is given to eight experienced clerks, and patrons may at all times be assured of prompt and courteous treatment. Some idea of the magnitude of this business may be had from the fact that the sales amount to about $25,000.00 annually.

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H. L. Cline Grocery

This enterprise began business April 29, 1901. Everything usually carried in a first-class grocery may be found here, in addition to which a complete stock of dry goods and notions is also handled. Employment is given to eight courteous clerks, and the store counts many friends among the residents of the eastern portion of the city. It is located at 1402 East Creighton Avenue.

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Will F. Schoch

The merchant tailoring establishment of Will F. Schoch, 209 West Main Street, is one of the best known enterprises of its kind in this city. Mr. Schoch in 1905 succeeded his father, who had been engaged in this line for forty years.

Employment is given to seventeen competent people, and this is considered one of Fort Wayne's busiest places.

The patronage of this establishment has shown a steady increase from the beginning which may be attributed to the fact that its clothes are made to wear. "Reliable goods at prices that are right" has always been the motto of Mr. Schoch and the basis of his success.

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The W. C. Schwier Grocery

The retail grocery establishment of William C. Schwier, located at Montgomery and Monroe Streets, began business on May 23, 1883, the present proprietor succeeding his father Sept. 16, 1896.

This store has become an exceptionally popular marketing place for Fort Wayne people, its trade territory extending to all parts of the city. Everything is carried in the way of Groceries, Fancy Fruits and Vegtables in season. Quality has always been the aim of Mr. Schwier, and the very best can at all times be found here at prevailing market prices.

Employmedt is given regularly to nine people, and the total sales amount to approximately $68,000.00 annually. An interior view of this store appears below.

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Pickard House Furnishing Company

The Pickard House Furnishing Company, located at 112–114 East Columbia Street, was established in 1876 and incorporated in 1908. As its name indicates, it carries a complete line of house furnishing goods, and it is in a position to furnish the home complete.

This store has become recognized as one of the most reliable in our city, and it has always enjoyed an extensive patronage. Its annual sales at the present time amount to about $100,000.00.

The officers comprise the following: President and Manager, Peter E. Pickard; Vice-President, H. R. Pickard; Secretary, A. W. Pickard; Treasurer, Thomas D. Pickard.

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D. & N. Pharmacy

The D. & N. Pharmacy needs no introduction to our readers, it being one of the best known retail establishments on Calhoun Street. Everything that can usually be found in any metropolitan drug store is carried, including drugs and toilet articles of every description. It enjoys a large and desirable patronage, and has become recognized as the place where one can get the best and save money.

Messrs. H. A. Diebold and Chas. A. Niebergall, proprietors, are practical pharmacists and give the business their personal supervision. Prescriptions are filled here with accuracy and dispatch, and this store is recommended by many of our leading physicians.

It is located at 624 Calhoun Street.

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The "Columbia Store"

This enterprise has the sole agency for the "Columbia" goods in this city, including Graphophones, Disc Records, Indestructible Cylinder Records, Cabinets and Supplies. The line of graphophones include all of the Columbia Machines ranging from $25.00 to $200.00, and the stock of both disc and cylinder records is complete, including as it does all the popular and high opera records. Outfits are sold on easy payments. The stock of cabinets and supplies is also complete, from the cheaper to the most expensive grades. Nothing is left undone by this store to try and reach the demand of the public in every way possible.

This store, which is located at No. 10 Arcade Building, was established in 1905 by Mr. B. J. Duesler, the present proprietor.

VIEW OF THE W. C. SCHWIER GROCERY

who has built up a business covering a radius of thirty miles around Fort Wayne. Branches are conducted at Spencerville and Huntington, Indiana.

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The Edmunds Electric Construction Company

This company was established in 1893, and is a pioneer in electric construction in Fort Wayne. Electric supplies of every description are carried, and the company is in a position to furnish estimates at all times on contract work.

It is officered as follows: H. M. Edmunds, President; H. E. Bash, Vice-President; and F. W. Edmunds, Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom are men of well known ability in this line.

The store, which is located at 1019 Calhoun Street, utilizes a total floor space of 9,600 square feet, and the annual business aggregates $80,000.00, covering a territory including Fort Wayne and many surrounding towns. Twenty-three people are employed.

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In this connection, it will not be out of place to call attention to the Home Billiard Room, in which is centered all that could be asked for by lovers of this popular game. It is recognized as the leading place of its kind in this section of the state, always having been conducted on a high plane. The equipment and furnishings are all modern, and the stringent rules governing the management have been such as naturally cater to only the best class of patrons. In fact, it has always met with the universal approval of our people, being looked upon purely as a model place for gentlemen to meet and enjoy the "Gentlemen's Game."

INTERIOR VIEW OF HOME BILLIARD ROOM

The Home Billiard Room was established about thirty-two years ago by Mr. J. Phillips, and purchased seventeen years later by Mr. F. E. Bougher, the present proprietor. It occupies a total floor space of 7,500 square feet, and contains four billiard and four pool tables of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender type. An expert is employed to constantly keep the tables and appliances up to the very highest standard.

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The management is under the supervision of Mr. Jerry O'Connor, who has made many friends in this community through his fair and courteous treatment to patrons. A specialty is made of advancing money to railroad and shop men without mortgage, note or endorser. Mr. O'Connor's five years railroad and shop service, which was with the Pennsylvania in this city, has given him a knowledge of the occasional need of working people. It was this that prompted him to establish the company above named, and an investigation of his plan of negotiating loans is respectfully solicited from all those who may at any time be in temporary need of money.

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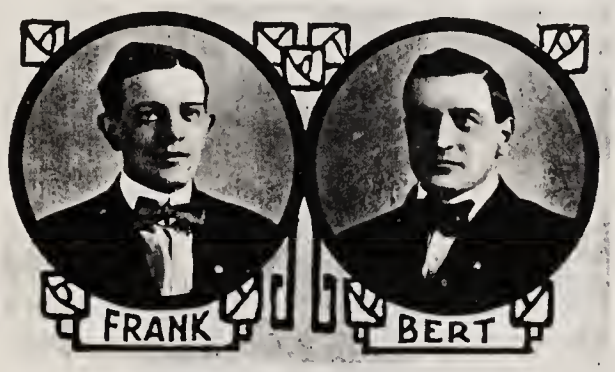

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